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'KULPA'S KOLUMN'

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

It's time for our double-issue spectacular, folks!

This month's theme: Urban Legends! You've heard them, you've disbelieved them . . . but are they really false — or is there some truth to these twisted tales of triumph and tragedy?

We've heard about that alleged munchkin suicide on the Wizard of Oz movie set. And we've laughed at rumors of alligators in New York City's sewers. But did these things really happen? You be the judge.

Our Urban Legends section fires up on Page 27!

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Did you know your computer has its own I.D. number that appears on the Internet every time you log on?

Hackers — even Al Qaeda cyber-terrorists — know you're on-line the moment you sign on!

A few weeks ago I signed on to the Internet for some R&R after a day following up on Bat Boy, and lo and behold — dozens of bizarre numbers began appearing on-screen.

It turns out these were the I.D. numbers of hundreds of outside computers — most of them from colleges and universities — that were literally trying to access my little machine all at once.

Were college kids pulling a prank, or was this something more sinister? Perhaps Al Qaeda operatives had hijacked these computers to break into mine, so they could find out what we really had on Osama Bin Laden and his faithful goat.

Luckily, a simple, inexpensive firewall program stopped those intruders cold.

This can happen to any on-line computer, and it's already happened to you. Our reporter believed his own story's security advice on Page 68, and — you guessed it — immediately found a virus in his home PC, one that compromised his machine.

We're presenting an exposé revealing how at risk your computer really is, starting on Page 6. If you operate a PC and you surf the Net, it's a must-read warning!

And to all those institutions of higher education with lax network security, know this: My computer logged your addresses. Let's lock the door on cyber-terrorists — or at least, close your windows.

Like every issue before it, this issue of Weekly World News will save you a ton of money!

And now, on with the show!

Dick Kulpa, Editor-in-Chief

NAZI ROCKET CRASH-LANDS IN LONDON 58 YEARS AFTER IT WAS LAUNCHED!

MORE than 500 A4/V2 rockets were launched by the Germans between September 1944 and March 1945.

A SERIAL number on the rocket confirms that it is a Dornberger A4/V2, and according to military records it was fired from a launch site in Wassenaar, the Netherlands, on Sept. 9, 1944.

LONDON — A German rocket launched in 1944 "sailed through a time warp" and landed on a London street 58 mind-boggling years after it was fired from a secret Nazi launching pad in Holland, say cops — one of whom witnessed the landing with his own eyes.

No one was injured or killed when the long lost A4/V2 rocket smashed down on a London street on November 1, ripping through the pavement and causing minor accidents as cars swerved to avoid hitting it.

"Thank God it didn't detonate," a Scotland Yard spokesman told reporters. "This thing could've caused some serious damage."

Incredibly, the rocket didn't do much damage, when it bounced off a roof and landed in the street," said the spokesman. "It's pretty beat up, but you can easily recognize it as one of the V2 type rockets the Germans dropped on us in WW2."

By COREY MICHAELS
World News Staff

The rocket sailed through a time warp and finally reached its target after all these years.

"We were able to make out a serial number and confirm that it was a Dornberger A4/V2," he continued. "And military records indicate that it was fired from a launch site in Wassenaar the Netherlands, on Sept. 9, 1944.

"Over 500 A4/V2 rockets struck in and around London in a vicious bombing campaign that lasted from September 1944 to March 1945," he added. "Most were accounted for — but a handful were not.

"Coincidentally, a police officer who just happened to be in the area witnessed the late-night strike.

"He said there was a loud thud, the ground shook, and store windows shattered, but

EXPERT Dr. Philip Delaplant

Belgium's famed Institute for Paranormal Studies, which specializes in unexplained World War II phenomena, offers up one possible explanation.

The rocket sailed into a time warp in 1944 and sailed out in 2002 — 58 years later.

There are hundreds of alleged war-related time warp incidents on record, he notes, none of which are well understood.

Whatever the reason for the sudden reappearance of the German rocket, Dr. Delaplant notes, "We're just lucky it was a dud.

"This thing contains enough explosives to destroy a city block and kill hundreds of people.

"I pray there are no more

ADOLF HITLER was mistaken when he thought he could bomb England into submission with his V2 rockets.

Out of LEFT FIELD

By BOBBIE BENDER
Weekly World News

Tapioca tabina

Have you ever tried eating your dinner off a woman's nude body? In one restaurant in England, they do just that!

At the Sumo Japanese restaurant, two young women, Angel Tan and Ah-Ying Rose, bear all as they lend new backward for the customers to nude tables.

The dinners cost $125 and chopsticks must be used in this "look but no touch" dining experience. Guess you could say there's "no looking way" diners can eat silverware on these tables!

But being a hostess in this place must be the best job in town!

Come and save

Workers at a car factory in Romania are trying to save their company by making donations . . . of their own sperm!

Union leader Ion Caimano says, "If 1,000 workers donate their sperm for several months, we can get enough funds to pay part of the plant's debts."

A fertility clinic is paying these up-and-coming employees $50 a visit. Just goes to show what workers can do if they all pull together!

Rat-ass or else!

I've had a teacher threaten me with a ruler but never with an axe! That's what happened to a high school in Nagano, Japan.

A 45-year-old teacher was in the middle of a lesson about nothing firewood, when a senior student barged in and interrupted the demonstration.

After ordering the rowdy boy to leave and being ignored, the instructor warned that he would use the axe on him.

The teacher is now on six months suspension.

That kid should've split, if you "axe" me!

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The weeping Virgin Mary statue is a blessing, not a curse!

Dear Editor:

Regarding your story on the Virgin Mary statue weeping and "ruining" a church — I have a very simple solution for the Rev. Moore (October 22 issue).

He should build a beautiful fountain outside the church and pipe the weeping lady's tears into it. And then he should get down on his knees and pray for forgiveness for not appreciating a miracle in a world of so few miracles.

Shirley M.
Tillamook, Ore.

That's a great solution, Shirley. It sounds like you really appreciate a good miracle. Hopefully Rev. Moore will listen to your suggestion.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Dear Editor:
I want to know how to get the Ehotrix Pill. Can you give me the address for the company that makes the pill? I'm already smart, but I want to be even smarter.

I'll try the pill if I can get it.
Bertha P.
Santa Paula, Calif.

Sorry but the Ehotrix Pill is not yet available commercially — it's still in the testing stages. But as soon as it comes to a drug store near you, we'll let you know. Good to see you are willing to try new things to increase your intelligence.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Dear Weekly World News:
I had to write in about your Nov. 5, 2002, issue with the story on, "Jesus' Sandals Found." As I read the story, I noticed on the left sandal an image of Jesus' beautiful face. And, in the dim light, on the right sandal, I saw an image of an older man — our Holy Father!

It is said that "Jesus sitteth at the right hand of our Father."

Well, these sandals show that it is so.

In order to see these beautiful images, you have to look with your heart and not with your eyes.

God bless you.
L.L.A.
Winnipeg, Canada

We admit, we never noticed those images until you pointed them out — but sure enough, if you look close enough, there they are. That only gives further proof that these sandals are the real deal. You must have holy vision!

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

We asked readers if they believed in Saddam's "Love Letter to America," and the answer was an overwhelming "No."

Here's a sample letter:

Saddam:

I don't believe one word of your article on why you love America. Don't make me laugh. Maybe if you tell another lie, your nose will get bigger.

You never loved America a day in your life. You're full of camel poop. Do you think Americans are crazy? Do you think we will fall for your lines?

Ha ha ha!

Anonymous, Oklahoma City, Okla.

It seems that we are believer Saddam's attempt to win over the American people. In fact, all the entries in our "Wanna Bet War on Iraq" Contest took an decidedly anti-Saddam theme. Take a look.

Weekly World News 'Wanna Bet War With Iraq' contest update

The mail continues to pour in from patriotic Americans (and Canadians) as the most popular contest we've ever run. The deadline has passed, so you folks can stop sending in entries. But it'll take us a little while to pick a winner — they were all so good.

Here are more of the best entries we've received.

I Think the Next War on Iraq Should Be Called . . .

OPERATION 3FLAT — Jason B., Wapakoneta, Ohio.

OPERATION SLAM SADDAM — Wayne C., Fairfield, Va.

OPERATION CAMELS HUMP — Jane E., Hampton, Va.

OPERATION I'M SAD — Evelyn W., Arlington, Va.

OPERATION BUSHROOM — L.E.P., Garland, Neb.

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Police seek hero mystery boy in capture of child molester

By MIKE FOSTER
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SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Police say they caught a notorious pedophile with help from a mysterious, "half-human, half-animal" hitchhiker!

Cops nabbed twice-convicted child molester Hans Skarken after an unidentified adolescent mauled him with teeth and fingernails — leaving deep wounds all over his body.

Skarken, who was in the U.S. illegally, is now recuperating in a hospital — heavily bandaged and chained to his bed.

He acknowledges offering a ride to the strange hitchhiker, who he describes as under 4-feet tall, bald, with odd pointy ears, wearing raggedy clothes. But he denies ever laying a hand on the lad.

"That vicious little animal attacked me for no reason," sex creep Skarken, 37, whimpered in an exclusive phone interview. "I'm lucky to be alive."

Skarken, a native of Germany who served time in his home country for assaulting dozens of minors, insists that he was just being a Good Samaritan when he saw the boy and pulled over.

"He was shivering and he looked so helpless. I offered him a ride," Skarken says. "I even gave him candy bars that I keep in my glove compartment."

THE MYSTERY CHILD shown in this police artist's computer rendering bears an uncanny resemblance to our favorite misfit, Bat Boy!

Skarken says he tried to strike up a conversation, but his passenger merely grunted in response.

Based on Skarken's M.O., cops now believe the sleazy foreigner probably made "some kind of a sexual overture" toward the boy.

He adamantly rejects such speculation, claiming the boy suddenly "went berserk" and started clawing at him, while screeching like a banshee.

"Then he hurled me out of the car like a rag doll," Skarken says. The tiny hitchhiker then hopped into driver's seat and sped away, leaving Skarken bleeding on the road.

A passing motorist spotted him and called 911. EMTs who rushed the injured man to the nearest hospital said cops it looked like he'd been "mauled by a mountain lion."

A police investigation identified the mauling victim as Skarken — who is now also suspected in seven recent child molestations in the area.

Incredibly, based on Skarken's bizarre description, Indiana authorities searching for the mysterious youth believe he could be the elusive Bat Boy.

"We want to find out if the juvenile is, in fact, Bat Boy, and, if so, we'll turn him over to the proper law-enforcement agency," says a police source, adding that feds have ordered cops not to discuss the case publicly.

"But first, someone ought to pin a

SANTA'S SEXY HELPER

HO-HO-HO, do all the elves look this good? And to think poor Santa's a married man! But fun-loving Franny's only working for the man part-time — she's paying her way through business school as a model and fitness instructor. An avid bicyclist and swimmer, the 23-year-old California girl hopes one day to run her

IS YOUR COLLEGE

WARNING: Your school computer may be hijacked by Al Qaeda hackers!

By MICHAEL FORSYTH
Weekly World News

BOCA RATON, Fla. — An insidious invasion of computers all over the country may be part of a diabolical cyber-jihad launched by Al Qaeda terrorists, experts warn. And shockingly, the launch pad for the massive cyber-attack on America could be our very own college campuses!

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS EXCLUSIVE!

On November 4, 2002, hundreds of attempts were made to invade the home PC of *Weekly World News* editor-in-chief Dick Kulpa — and shockingly, many of the probes were traced to college and university-based computers.

Dozens of different institutions were involved in the digital assault — their systems possibly commandeered by outsiders.

When contacted by Kulpa, who logged the attempts and identities of every computer involved, an official at the University of Wisconsin admitted a computer on its network had been "compromised."

A special WWN investigation has since revealed that our country's college computers could be its Achilles' Heel. Security at college computer networks is so lax that it borders on a national scandal.

"Colleges and institutions of higher learning have to balance security with the need for open access," explains Aaron Lee, product manager for the computer-software giant Symantec. "Corporations are more focused on security."

Shockingly, when he was asked whether vulnerable college networks could be used to launch a massive terrorist cyber-attack on America, the expert acknowledged, "Yes, it's conceivable that could happen."

It's unclear as to how a Net-based body war on America, instead of hijacking planes, they'll be hijacking computers.

Only a few days after the September 11 attacks, a Pakistani group affiliated with Al Qaeda hacked into two of the U.S. government's Web services, including one at the Defense Department, and declared a "cyber-jihad" against the United States. Since then, attacks have been made on the Pentagon, Energy Department and NASA, resulting in the theft of vital data.

"Our enemies are already targeting our networks," North Carolina Sen. John Edwards has warned.

"We now live in a world where a terrorist can do as much damage with a keyboard and a modem as with a bomb."

Chillingly, Richard Clarke, special adviser to the President for cyberspace security, has warned that jihad-crazed cyber-terrorists might gain control over America's flight control towers and even our nuclear power plants.

"Cyber-terrorists know that, with the push of a button, emergency services — police, fire and ambulances — can be paralyzed, power for entire

Is E.T. trying to hack into your computer?

Earthbound bad guys may be not be the only ones hacking their way into your PC — experts now warn that extraterrestrials could also be invading computers around the world!

"The real question we have to worry about isn't by flying saucer, it's by alien computer viruses," according to a NASA source.

NASA insiders confirm that over the last nine months, computers aboard at least 11 U.S. satellites and space-based telescopes have been infected by programs of "apparently non-Earth" origin. More alarming, these compromised computers have repeatedly attempted to access government computers on Earth.

"We don't know what the E.T.'s are trying to do, but given their level of technical superiority, it's going to be very, very

Strangers are

MANY hackers use high-capacity internet connections at universities and Internet

A CYBER BASE FOR TERRORISTS?

These men have been identified by the FBI as possible Al Qaeda operatives

FROM LEFT: (1) Alyan Muhammad Ali Al-Ha'eli, (2) Bashir Ali Nasser Al-Shareri, (3) Hassam Abdullah Bin Bushar Al-Nahdi, (4) Tamir Abduh Sa'id Al-Mahtari, (5) Abdulrab Muhammad Ali Al-Sayh, (6) Omar Ahmed Omar Al-Hebishi, (7) Abdulaziz Muhammad Saleh Bin Otesh, (8) Ammar Abdah Nasser Al-Wa'eli, (9) Shuhour Abdullah Muhibil Al-Sabri, (10) Mustafa Abdelkader Ashed Al-Ansari

...plans shut down for extended periods, telephone lines disrupted, and water supplies poisoned," warns the Washington Times.

If Al Qaeda feels using an army of unskilled college-age pilots to crash airliners into buildings was successful, imagine what they could do if they gained control over our computers, they could wreak havoc, experts say.

● Credit cards and bank accounts could be frozen — or worse, your account and those of millions of other Americans could be hijacked by Al Qaeda and used to pay for coveted nuclear material available on the black market.

● Nuclear power plants all over the country could begin melting down — creating more than 100 Chernobyl-type disasters overnight.

● Flight-control systems commandeered by Al Qaeda could send planes crashing into each other.

● The nation's power grids could be shut down, leaving millions without electricity.

● Befuddled ambulance drivers, cops and firefighters could be misdirected by a haywire 911 dispatch system — leaving helpless citizens to die

...invading your home computer!

WASHINGTON — Strangers may be secretly invading your computer through the Internet — and can use the unauthorized entry to do irreparable harm to you, your family, your reputation and your career!

Even more sickening, cunning cyber-invaders may have already hijacked your computer and turned it into a "zombie" that raids other computers for sinister purposes that could range from theft to terrorism, experts

By GEORGE SANFORD
Weekly World News

frighteningly widespread, experts say.

The average Internet user thinks that computer hackers are only interested in the "big fish" like the Pentagon or the CIA. But the fact is, ordinary citizens are being hacked every day.

"There are a lot of people

Symantec, told WRN. "Some are looking for information on you, others are trying to access files ... for example, if you do on-line banking — to commit fraud.

"Others are trying to find a computer they can commandeer to use to attack other computers anonymously."

Such commandeered computers are known as "zombies," and hackers routinely use them to spread viruses and launch attacks on the Internet.

the reality is that whenever you visit a Web site, send an e-mail or enter a chat room, your computer broadcasts a unique "IP address" that Internet stalkers can use to identify you and track you down. But many hackers don't really care who they victimize.

"They do what's called a port scan, scanning thousands of computers to find one that's vulnerable," says Lee. "When they do, they break into it."

Here are just a few of the

do you harm:

● Hack into your files and plant child pornography. To avoid prosecution themselves, traffickers need a place to safely store their unsavory wares. "They could hide files on your computer," Lee warns. Even worse, a malicious prankster could do the same thing — then call the cops on you.

● Steal your screen name and send bogus, inflammatory e-mails in your boss or coworkers, to

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THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE OUTRAGEOUS

AMAZING ANIMAL 'TALES!'

THEY'RE savage, they're sweet, they're bad to the bone: Animals are pulling some amazing antics these days! Reports from the animal kingdom are both shocking and reassuring. Although some creatures are determined to do us harm, others are standing by us and even giving their lives to help us. And others are — well, let's just say they keep to themselves.

By KATE McCLARE/Weekly World News

Cockatoo may crack case

DALLAS — A heroic cockatoo gave his life trying to save his master from knife-wielding thugs. And he may provide the evidence that nails the creeps — from beyond the grave!

Twin tots are on trial for murdering a Dallas man in a dispute over money. Prosecutors say the victim's pet cockatoo flew at the attackers and pecked at their heads in a desperate bid to foil the attack.

The bird died in the struggle, and cops later found his horribly mutilated corpse with a fork in his back and one of his legs cut off.

Prosecutors say DNA tests on blood at the scene prove the twins had been there — and they're doing more DNA tests on the bird, to further tighten the noose.

"In my 23 years on the job," says a prosecutor, "I've never seen anything like this. They did an autopsy on the bird, and I've never heard of that either."

Bloodthirsty squirrel holds entire town hostage

KNUTSFORD, England — Residents of this small town are resting a little easier, after an outraged man shot and killed the attacker who's held them in the grip of fear for weeks: A squirrel!

Pub-up grandpa Geoff Barth got an air gun and executed the bloodthirsty beast — just as it was about to attack him.

The squirrel had assaulted dozens of people during its reign of terror, and even chased grown men out of its path. Many terrified townsfolk refused to let their children play outdoors while the rogue rodent was still at large.

But when the squirrel bit Barth's 2-year-old granddaughter on her face, he decided enough was enough — and blasted the beast right out of its tree.

"When I tracked him down I was surprised how big he was," says 63-year-old Barth, quoted in the area newspaper. "He came down a tree and was headed for me, but I shot him before he jumped."

"It's a shame he went nuts," Barth says grimly. "But I couldn't let this little bugger hold the town hostage."

New study forces gay rams out of the closet!

PORTLAND, Ore. — The macho image of the ram has been smashed by a shocking study that says one in 10 of the horned creatures is gay!

Six to eight percent of domestic rams only date and mate with other male sheep, never with the opposite sex, reveal researchers at Oregon Health and Sciences University.

The researchers say scientists have known for years about the sexually sheep. They outed the randy rams to announce the results of a newer study, comparing the brains of gay and straight rams.

The finding could yield other links between the brain and sexual behavior.

And sheep-industry insiders weren't surprised to learn rams were being herded out of the closet.

"Anyone who spends any time with sheep knows about the queer ones," asserts a Montana rancher who asks to remain anonymous.

Hungry vultures stealing food off diners' plates while they're eating!

REGENSBURG, Bavaria — Vultures never do their own killing, but one of the lazy beasts even wants her dead meat cooked and served up on a plate!

A vulture named Mary, who lives at a bird refuge near an outdoor cafe, has been swooping down and stealing food from diners for several weeks. The frustrated owner of the eatery says the filthy beast has visited 28 times and snatched 10 servings of roast pork — right off the customers' plates!

"Of course, my guests get a new helping if the vulture sits on their plates," he adds.

It started when Mary accidentally

WWN PICTURE POWER!

Her bra is worth $10 MILLION!

TALK about luxurious lingerie. This diamond- and ruby-studded bra goes for an eye-popping $10 million!

The big-bucks brassiere is offered by Victoria's Secret, which calls it the Star of Victoria. The fantasy bra, modeled by Czech chiquita Karolina Kurkova, is featured in the 2002 Christmas catalog of the intimate-apparel company.

Created by the jewelry designer Mouawad, Star of Victoria is made from 1,150 rubies in the shape of roses and 1,600 emeralds shaped like leaves. Between the two carnaceous cups is a flawless 60-carat diamond.

Pretty pricey, but here's a bargain: If you buy the bra, Victoria's Secret will throw in the matching panties — which are encrusted with 2,420 rubies, emeralds and diamonds.

At those prices, it's a shame this is underwear!

Welcome to the serial killer capital of the world!

BELLINGHAM, Wash. — Residents of Bellingham weren't surprised to learn the two "Beltway Snipers" used to live there. Some even claim their city is the serial killer capital of the world!

The city has been home to other serial killers including psycho Ted Bundy and the "Hillside Strangler," Kenneth Bianchi.

Bellingham is located about 90 miles north of Seattle.

Man busted for dropping his drawers at airport security!

MIAMI — A man was so angry at being asked to remove his belt, he dropped his pants!

Marc Dumolne, a French national on his way to Washington D.C., was asked by airport security to take off his belt.

The man complied above and beyond the call of duty by pulling down his pants and asking "Is this good enough?"

Hey kids — RUB THE MA

EVERYTHING YOU WA

Rub Santa and your Christmas wishes will come true!

By MARS CARRE/Weekly World News

TOKYO, Japan — Hey kids! You can get everything you want for Christmas, from go-carts and ponies to a lifetime supply of video games and cool designer clothes, just by rubbing the Smilin' Santa that a leading children's magazine says "is guaranteed to make your every wish and dream for the holidays come true."

And putting the lucky Santa's power to work for you is a snap, claims Japan's famous *Kid Planet* magazine.

In a sensational cover story, children were instructed to "look into the Jolly Old Elf's eyes and don't be shy — tell him everything that comes to mind.

"There is no gift too big or too expensive for our Magical Good Luck Holiday Doll," the report continued. "Rich or poor — it doesn't matter. You can have anything you want this year if you ask for it."

"The Smilin' Santa doll is mind powerful," declared Akira Takamura, the famed Tokyo-based TV psychic who created the image and empowered it with what she calls the "subtle energies that will make all holiday wishes come true for children everywhere.

"If you believe in the doll it will bring you great happiness during the season that, traditionally, has been a most unhappy one

EVERY parent wants their children to be happy, like this kid, on Christmas morning.

MANY claim that by rubbing the "Smilin'

GIC SANTA AND GET NT FOR CHRISTMAS!

TOKYO TV psychic, Akira Takamura

hellish for poor children whose parents simply can't afford the fancy and expensive gifts that rich parents lavish on their children.

"But no child has to go without this holiday season. Smilin' Santa is the great equalizer. I'm sure many adults will like it, too."

While Takamura has a reputation for supporting numerous charities with the estimated $300 million fortune she has amassed as one of the Orient's most visible and popular psychics, her claims for the Santa charm have outraged critics who say she is selling millions of desperately needy children up for a full-time Christmas day.

It hasn't helped matters that hucksters and rip-off artists are selling rich selling looking Smilin Santa holiday dolls — dolls that Takamura hasn't "empowered" — to poor children on the streets of Tokyo and other Japanese cities for $2 to $5 a pop.

PARENTS are likely to share in the anguish of their child's Christmas disappointment

Thieves have a field day, police say.

"These poor children are running around smiling and laughing and telling everybody they're getting presents and gifts and expensive video games and clothes at Christmas.

"But you know and I know they aren't getting anything. They'll be damn lucky to get a cup of coal."

Takamura isn't the only one feeling the ire. Kid Planet editor Keiko Ueda has come under fire, too.

Pressed to explain why she would publish a magic doll in a magazine better known for its unbiased, youth-oriented reporting on social and political issues of the environment, Ueda insisted that the Smilin Santa will work "if the eyes of the world open their eyes, our hearts and their wallets to help poor children this holiday season.

"I know the doll would be controversial," she said. "But I believe in magic — the magic we cannot account for, and the magic we make for ourselves."

The psychic concludes. "There is no doubt in my mind that children will rub this image and receive exactly what they asked for, rather than people like you and me who share our good fortune or those mysterious and unseen forces that are beyond the ability of humans to understand."

Akiko Takamura claims that rubbing the "Smilin' Santa" will make it easy to get gifts like this possible for any child.

YOU BE THE JUDGE

Was Japanese magazine editor Keiko Ueda right to publish the Smilin' Santa doll — or was she cruelly selling poor kids up for a heartbreaking holiday fall? We want to know what YOU think!

☐ **YES!** The magazine did the right thing. It's giving kids hope for the holidays.

☐ **NO!** They are unconscionably raising the hopes of kids who will only end up disappointed on Christmas morning.

Clip and send this form to:
Smilin' Poll, the Weekly World News, 5401 NW Broken Sound Blvd., Boca Raton, Fla. 33487.

How to survive a dinosaur attack!

DON'T follow the strategy for defeating the T. rex from the hit movie Jurassic Park, or you'll be a dinosaur's dinner.

New sightings of the legendary Loch Ness monster, widely believed to be a surviving dinosaur, has revived concerns that not all of the giant reptiles are extinct. What would happen if you were to run into one of these frightening behemoths while vacationing in some remote, exotic locale?

Now, from paleontologists and animal-attack experts, are tips that could help you get through such a potentially deadly encounter alive:

● DON'T LEAVE YOUR CAR. Despite what you've seen in movies, a dinosaur is unlikely to attack an inflatable object such as a car as long as you're in it. Avoid leaving the engine or "heater" shots like trying to ruin the creature.

● DETERMINE IF IT'S A HERBIVORE OR A MEAT-EATER. A long neck and tiny head usually denotes a plant eater. That means that as long as you stay clear of its feet, you're safe to snap photos and tell your grandchildren stories. Sharp teeth and powerful hind legs, meant for chasing prey, are characteristic of a carnivore like the dreaded T. rex.

● DON'T PANIC. Even if you do identify the creature as a T. rex and are out in the open, many experts think it's unlikely a scavenger will search you unless you do something stupid.

● DON'T STAND STILL. That was the strategy adopted by characters in Jurassic Park. But since the flick came out, Chicago paleontologist Gene Gaines discovered that "Sue," the most complete T. rex skeleton ever found, had sharpey's scales (the skin of pterodactyls and could detect you by smell alone.

● DISGUISE YOUR SCENT. The less like a predator's natural prey you smell, the better. If you have a floral perfume in your room, try dousing yourself in it.

● RACE AWAY SLOWLY. Overpowering a dino isn't an option, even a "plausible" giant like the duck-billed Edmontosaurus could run at 12 mph.

● DON'T CLIMB A TREE. An 18-foot branch could put you at eye level — or within mouth level — with a T. rex. Take refuge in a small cave.

● USE FIRE. If you have a cigarette lighter, use your shirt and a tree limb to form a torch and shield it as the cave entrance to meet with the dino's head. The fire-fanned heat will fire of the startled and ask whether prey.

● AIM FOR THE EYES. Grab a rock or stick and use it only, forceful

POP CULTURE PUZZLE!

Test your knowledge of history and celebrity by seeing how many of these famous Joneses you can identify. Answers on page 61.

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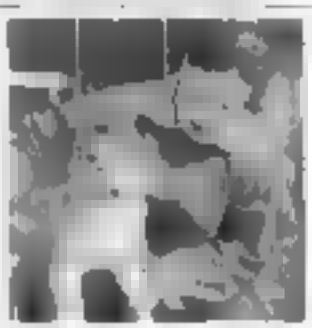

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WANTED: Dullest man in America seeks boring beauty

TOPEKA, Kan. — Bob McTeague collects Mantovani and Pat Boone records, has written a book on clothes-dryer lint, and likes hanging out at highway rest stops to spot out-of-state license plates. He's the dullest man in America, and he's looking for a gal who's as boring as he is!

"I have everything I need — a great career, my own house filled with luxurious shag carpeting in every room and a respected position with my neighborhood's Uniform Appearance Standards Committee," says Bob, 34.

All I need to complete my dream is a woman to share it all with."

BOB'S VITAL STATS

- Age: 34
- Height: 5'11"
- Weight: 197 lbs.
- Occupation: Typist for classified-advertising video service
- Hobbies and Diversions: Recycling, collecting typos in local newspapers, watching water boil under various conditions
- Proudest accomplishment: Named his company's Most Accurate Typist, three years in a row
- Personal Hero: Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan
- Favorite Pig-Out Foods: Low-salt saltine crackers with American cheese; mayonnaise
- Turn-Ons: Eyeglasses, loafers with socks, good dental hygiene including regular flossing
- Turn-Offs: Makeup, mini-skirts, giggling
- Dream Date: A romantic dinner at a top-notch cafeteria followed by a visit to the reference section of the public library and a moonlight stroll through the park with his-and-hers metal detectors
- Quote: "I'm as dull as dishwater — but I'll

Bob's favorite

WRITE TO:

[redacted]

McTEAGUE admits he's as dull as mashed potatoes.

DOPES OF THE WEEK

Crook leaves ID & family photo at crime scene

WARREN, Mich. — A man accused of stealing could've gotten away with it if only he hadn't left behind a picture of himself.

Cops say the accused thief took cash from a store's cash drawer, but he realized, too, he dropped several pieces of identification — including a family photo.

Cops used the ID to track the suspect to his home, and the photo to help witnesses identify him — which wasn't hard, since he was the only man in it.

The photographic offender was busted for the crime.

Drunk mom lets kid play with gun

FALMICIAN, Portugal — Some kids like to play with their dad at the shooting range — other kids like to play with guns. But you'd have to be a pretty dopey parent not to let your kid do that.

One misguided mom gave in to her little boy's demand to play with his dad's gun at the lake — and not surprisingly, the kid accidentally shot her in the belly.

The wounded woman was rushed to the hospital and survived.

Trashed panda tie up traffic

AUGSBURG, Germany — Traffic got tied in knots when a zoo truck hit electric lines the street.

"The roads were blocked for hours — it was gridlocked," says a cop.

He says the 30-year-old lorry driver was fighting with his girlfriend, and threw a pair of underpants — a two-thousand Deutsche mark pair of shorts with suspenders — into the street.

They looked so much like real shorts that the confused electricity there. Trams were forced to a halt, shocking a major roadway.

Cops had to use a crane to get the shorts back — and spoil the real guy.

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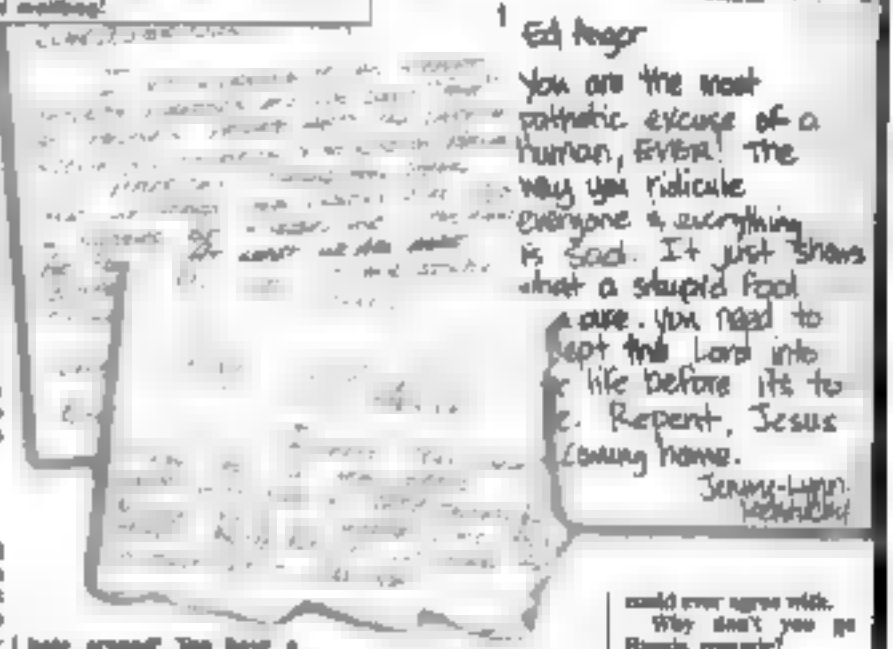
My America

BY ED ANGER **DOUBLE FEATURE**

Readers fire back at Ed!

Dear Mr. Anger,
You
Tammy G.


Ed Anger
You are the most pathetic excuse of a human, Ever! The way you ridicule everyone & everything is Sad. It just shows what a stupid fool you are. You need to accept the Lord into your life before it's to late. Repent, Jesus Loving name.
Jenny-Lynn

Ed Anger has been getting more hate mail than ever lately — and the old goat loves it! He claims that it shows people are really reading his column — and thinking about what he's got to say. Now our readers are the ones who are pig-bitting mad! Ol' Ed's got some pretty unpopular opinions, and he's got people champing at the bit to get in a rebuttal. Here is a random sampling of the huge outpouring of mail we've had about Ed's recent columns! Let's dip into the old mailbag!

Dear Mr. Anger:

You have written about turning Iraq into the world's largest prison. I say, hell-sure! Don't waste the airplane fuel by flying way over there. Just drop these dregs of society out the plane's side door without a parachute over the ocean.

It might even keep the sharks from shark attacks if we feed them satan prisoners every week or so.

Your fellow Southern countryman,

Billy J.

★ ★ ★

Hey, you stupid old man, I'm really getting sick of you bashing Al Gore and the liberal Democrats. You and all the other right wing nuts ought to just admit that the only reason "Dubya" Bush is in office is that he bought off the Supreme Court. And for your information, if it weren't for us liberals you wouldn't be able to collect that fat welfare payment you call a Social Security check, which pays you a heck of a lot more than you ever put into it. Why don't you go to Iraq and fight for the oil companies you're so hot to defend, you dried-up old prune?

Liberal and Proud

Chicago

★ ★ ★

Dear Ed Anger:

I think I know why you are so angry all the time. It's because you can't function in the sack. You are not a real man like my husband. I bet you haven't made love to your ugly wife in years. I bet you don't even remember how to do it. I think you are a very sad and lonely man who deserves whatever happens to him.

Karen P.

Rockford, Ill.

★ ★ ★

Mr. Anger: I heard you had a heart attack. Too bad you didn't die. Maybe the next one will finish you off, you narrow-minded, ignorant, uneducated, stupid old fart.

Ashley M.

Santa Clara, Calif.

★ ★ ★

Dear Ed:

You rock, man! I am a card-carrying member of the KKK, and I think your ideas are totally on the money. You really know how to tell it like it is.

Keep on spreading the hate around! You have a standing offer to join our club any time.

Rock on!

Simon B.

Boise, Idaho

★ ★ ★

Dear Worst Columnist Ever:

I tried to read your column once, but I found it to be the most pig-ass drivel worse than anything I've ever read in a comic book. This so-called column consists of nothing but hate-filled venom spewed by a clueless moronthropus.

★ ★ ★

Mr. Anger:

You should be fired. "My America?" Don't make me laugh. You have a warped, twisted view of America, one that no real American could ever agree with.

Why don't you go to Russia, comrade?

Frederick B.

Rahway, N.J.

★ ★ ★

Ed Anger really needs to learn how to write. I always make sure I skip his column every issue.

He is the only thing he's dog back your g newspaper.

Louis L.

Springfield, Ill.

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Let's bring back God to America:

MAKE THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MANDATORY

– in every office & school in America!

PRESIDENTIAL hopeful Howard Dean, the governor of Vermont, is one patriotic American. He and his staff say the Pledge of Allegiance before every meeting.

I'm madder than Pat Robertson at a Satanist convention at how all these left-wingers like Phil Donahue have been going on TV and criticizing our President.

A lot of what these whining pessemiks say borders on outright treason as far as I'm concerned. Even right here in our own offices, I heard one of the mailroom boys make some snide remark about America that I didn't much like.

It's great that a lot of schools brought back the Pledge of Allegiance right after September 11, but kids in all schools should say the pledge every day. And we need to have it in offices and factories and department stores out by jiminy.

Every morning, every boss in every company across the country ought to lead the entire staff in saying the Pledge — and any yellow bellied rat who refuses to swear loyalty to our great country should be fired on the spot, no questions asked.

President Bush has the right idea. He just signed that new law making sure the line "one nation under God" stays in the Pledge of Allegiance and the motto "In God we

But we have to go further if we want to bring God back to America and spread patriotic pride.

Let's put "In God we trust" right up on the U.S. flag, with one of the stripes and stars in over the doorway to every police building in the country, from the post office right down to the county jail.

Put the motto on school buses, subway cars, airplanes — plaster on the roof of the Pentagon, on the side of every tank we send into battle and bomb we drop on Iraq.

If that doesn't help to drive the message into everyone's head that we all should love America and we're one nation under God, I don't know what will.

It's time to get back to the idea of America for real. Real searing Americana, folks.

I'm so sick of radicals and foreign-born names and colleges

America. If we can't trust the foreigners, Americans had to go to school, please, who can we trust?

I can't help even thinking about Benedict Arnold, who was really a hero — who betrayed our enemies and died a poor, lonely soldier. They had given Hale or Jack the England.

I mean, even undermining the — even Christians helped back then, right and [illegible] pride parts.

And that means you, too, Colonel Schwarzenegger. You may be married to a Kennedy, but it's time to write home — and this time we want to be back."

El Anger

EVERY KID in America should

PHOTO BY MOLLY RILEY/REUTERS

WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

Police beat

THE WORLD'S MOST INCREDIBLE CRIME REPORTS

By RONALD POWER / Crime Reporter

Burglars carted with their pants down

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Police caught two bumbling burglars with their pants down.

After robbing a home, one man fled into a forest and started to change from their stolen clothes — a method used by burglar who to avoid being identified on the street by police.

But this time, as the pants were off, the cops were on us police helped him and arrested them.

Cops were happy to give each of the men a pair of pants to wear — as part of their prison uniforms.

Psycho keeps woman and children as slaves

WARREN ASHWOOD

Australia — A pervert is accused of forcing a woman and her daughter and son to be his slaves for three years.

According to police Timothy John Slattery is...

FBI'S MOST WANTED!

MICHAEL FRANCIS BERTOLINO

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ga. — Some people don't take breakups very well. This guy started hiding out in his ex-girlfriend's attic!

Bertolino allegedly used chloroform to drug the woman while she slept at night, and then raped her. He also allegedly used the phone lines in Sister to her computer.

Bertolino is charged with burglary, computer tampering, clandestine surveillance and interception of private communications. He is also wanted in connection with a federal arrest warrant for unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. He is wanted by the Internal Revenue Service for back taxes, aiding and abetting, and tax evasion since 1988.

The fugitive pretends to be a retired military intelligence officer or government spy, and is considered by authorities to be a master of disguise — wearing wigs, hats and beards to alter his appearance.

Bertolino is a 5-foot-10-inch, 170-pound white man with brown eyes and gray hair.

Bertolino should be considered armed and dangerous.

Call your local FBI office with

Victim beats purse snatcher to a pulp with her umbrella

CAMDEN, N.J. — A purse snatcher was glad to be arrested after the beating he got from his victim.

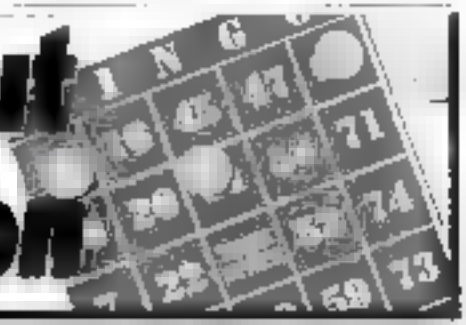
The snatch didn't leave the victim, Lenya Smith, who is a county guard at the county jail, thrilled and her umbrella to give the thief a good thrashing.

Smith — still in possession of her purse — then followed the thief to a local hospital where she told hospital security officers what had happened. Hospital security held the suspect until the police arrived.

SUPER DANCER SPEED CHAMPS

HEREFORD, England — A judge has a grudge against

Granny collapses but bingo game keeps on going!



LIVERPOOL, England — A woman keeled over from a heart attack while playing bingo, and the heartless game managers just kept calling numbers!

"It was just a small game with a prize something like $25 — it could easily have been stopped," fumes one of the dead woman's daughters. "She was obviously ill and it was totally insensitive."

While paramedics tried to revive the 61-year-old woman, other players and her family begged those in charge to call off the game.

But numbers kept getting called out.

The woman died later at a hospital.

"It was sick," declares one of the other players. "This poor woman was lying on the floor being resuscitated while her family stood around crying. But they carried on calling."

A spokeswoman for the company that owns the bingo hall says continuing games during medical emergencies is "considered to be the best practice. We have discussed this matter with the ambulance services," she says.

"They can deal with emergencies better if the audience is not distracted by the emergency they are attending."

— By KATE McCLARY

...CLINTON MAN GOES CORKY!

As a speechwriter for ex-President Clinton, John Pollak took various trips around the globe — but never on a jet made of 160,000 corks!

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ACTION movie superstar Vin Diesel enters the world of pro wrestling ... and he hit first match challenges The Rock. The loser of the match agrees to retire from making movies for good!

VOLUPTUOUS ... Weekly ... accidentally ... for ... August 31st.

HIP-HOP ... Comrade Sex and the City undergoes a radical change in format as all the girls renounce their naked ways and become born-again Christians. The new title? Sweets in the City

J.LO T-PAPER XTRA PADDED

FOLLOWING on the heels of her successful line of clothing and her own brand of perfume,

NOTORIOUS ... Ozzy Osbourne, ... mega-hit reality ... on MTV made him ... of America's unlikely ...

TY. PREDICTIONS

FOLLOWING her trial on shoplifting charges, redhead-up actress Winona Ryder finds herself unable to find work in movies anymore, so she takes a job in a shoe department [illegible] as a security guard

THE PRICE is right host Bob Barker shows the world when he launches a nasty rant + nasty featuring shots of fun Barker + Beauties. But tabloids really start snapping when Barker opens up a Playboy-style mansion and begins hosting wild parties

BK TALK queen Basic O'Donnell, whose fortunes are sagging since she proclaimed herself gay, reveals she was only kidding as she launches an outrageous campaign to break up Tom Cruise and Penelope Cruz and have the hunky Scientologist for her own

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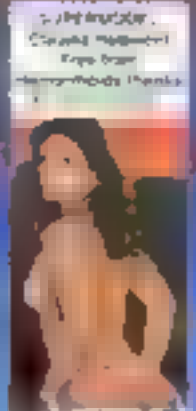

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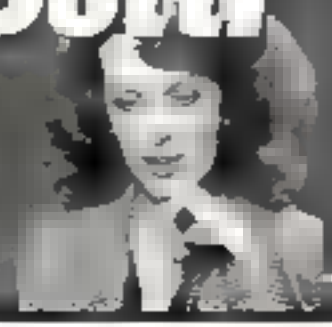

DOUBLE FEATURE

I like to steal strangers' panties

Dear Dotti: I am a happy husband and father of two, but I have a deep, dark secret. I like to steal underwear from strangers' clotheslines and friends' drawers. I am addicted to "panty raids." It's all I can think about, Dotti, help me. How can I get over this sick obsession?" — Panty Raider in Oakland

Dear Panty Raider: I don't even know where to start with this one. You're sick. Let me find you the name of a good counselor who can help. And I'll have you with this pervert of newsprint. Quit stealing panties, panty raider!

Tell my mom to give back my driver's license

Dear Dotti: Will you help make my mom give me back my driver's license? I got kicked out of school for parking in a teacher's parking space for the third time. I'm the only one of my friends who is old enough to drive in my neighborhood and that makes me pretty cool. Plus I only dented the car two times so far. — Wheelman in Bloomington

Dear Wheelman: Sounds to me like you need to right a few wrongs and make a special effort. Either stop parking in the good people spaces, or get the good people spaces moved to the employee lot.

My lousy kids abandoned me and left me no place to live!

Dear Dotti: When my husband died, he left the house to the kids. They're all grown and married so I went on vacation. When I got back, they had sold the house, moved away and left no forwarding address! Now I can't find them and I have no place to live! What do I do? — Sans House in Blue Ridge

Dear Sans House: Forget about those ungrateful kids. They're not worth all your love.

Ed Anger is out of his mind!

Dear Dotti: Is that stupid fellow responsible for anger still bringing about that Japanese jerk he got in the new cheerios up Park Drop Hill? He'd make more sense if he charged with a beam top. Hopefully soon, before he cracks down on that great op singer. For a probable beaming at the month now. — Stealth of Canada

Dear Stealth: I am struggling to understand what you're trying to say. Please rephrase your question.

Will Roxanna and I ever get married?

Dear Dotti: I would like to know if a girl named Roxanna is meant to be my wife and will I have a bunch of my own? — Upholsterer in Crosley

Dear Upholsterer: Why do I have to tell you that you're single? I'm not your mind reader.

Neighbors' sexcapades are keeping me awake

Dear Dotti: My neighbors keep me awake at night with their sexual escapades, sometimes all I put an ear to the wall I can even hear the sounds of them engaging in intercourse. And if I hold a glass to the wall I can hear everything! It's making me sick. What do I do? Grossed Out in Eastwood

Dear Grossed Out: I'd put a glass to your own head and blow your brains out.

Is my wife making it with the tow truck driver?

Dear Dotti: One day my wife told me she had to go into town to run some errands — which seemed fine until she came back with a man driving a tow truck. I think that means my wife's cheating on me. What do you think? — Suspicious Mind in Cream Ridge

Dear Suspicious: I think it means your wife's car broke down and you're a fool.

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Send Dotti your letters and questions — and let her tell it like it is. **Write to Dear Dotti, c/o Weekly World News, 8401 NW Broken Sound Blvd., Boca Raton, Fla. 33487.**

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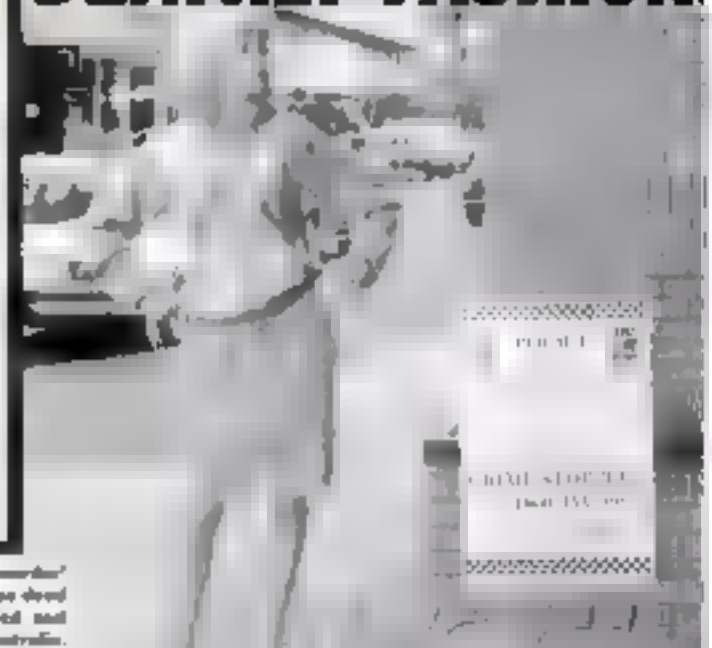

THIS mannequin could help solve a murder! Cops dressed it to look like a woman whose dead body was found after she'd been robbed and thrown off a bridge near Brisbane, Australia.

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CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Whiner in Glendale: Yes, good fences make good neighbors but an electric fence won't make them better.

Dear Tired in Pontiac: Counting sheep works, just don't count them out loud.

Dear Nancy in Worcester: A lot of people write in just to get themselves in the paper. Like you.

Dear Outspoken Minority in Ohio: Ya, Clem, don't get your overalls in a bunch. Why don't you take a swig of moonshine and go for a relaxing dip in the cement pond?

Dear Pining in Pleasantville: If you can't find her, maybe [redacted] doesn't want to be found.

Dear Battle Weary in Almost: The war's over, so leave your neighbors alone.

Dear Sucks-Lover in New York: I believe that you feel your love is so pure, but I think you should obey the restraining order.

Dear Betty in Weber: Thanks for agreeing with me. And good luck with that head injury.

Dear Harvey in Oakland: I wouldn't bother mentioning the cannibalism in your resume.

Dear Proud American in Lynn Haven: If the atheists don't like the word "God" on their money, they can just empty their wallets and purses — and send the money to me.

Dear Tootsie in Redwood City: Sorry, but I have an exclusive contract with *WWW*. And it's knocked.

Drunken hubby says he was abducted by space aliens and abused with beer & cigarettes

GIVE ME A JINGLE!

HOLIDAY dreams come true with the irresistible hunks, a Silverado legal secretary learns, when something as cheating and curling up in front of a fire with a good book — or a good man. This Christmas, she's out for an sparkling three flames with a guy!

Dear Dotti: I'm worried about my husband. He comes home night after night reeking of beer and cigarette smoke. I finally confronted him about it and he told me the most horrible story. He said he's being abducted by aliens, who then perform bizarre experiments on him, using beer and cigarettes.

I know there are many people out there who have been abducted. He's so brave. He says, "It's not so bad." How do I help my husband through these trying times? — UFO Widow in Westchester

Dear UFO Widow: If that's the story he's peddling, then you're the space cadet. Hint: If your husband comes home with strange hair on his coat, it isn't Bigfoot!

Forget your stomach — staple your mouth shut!

Dear Dotti: I've been heavy all my life. I go on diet after diet after diet and it's like I gain more weight. I didn't know what to do until I saw that TV story about getting your stomach stapled. Then you can't get it done? — Overeater in Elliot

Dear Overeater: You need to get your mouth stapled — not your stomach. It'll cut down on the annoying chatter — and the amount you eat.

How come all the blind dates my friend sets me up with are named John?

Dear Dotti: I've always had a hard time dating, so I was very happy that my friend Paul offered to set me up on some blind dates. They were great, and things got hot and heavy on every date. It was a little weird that they were all named John, but they all said I was a great escort. Paul is very anxious for me to go on even more dates. But I'm getting worn out. It's not like I'm a professional date! How do I tell Paul thanks but no thanks? — Had My Fill in L.A.

Dear Had My Fill: Tell Paul you're going to take a vacation from dating. Tell him you're going to Europe. Tell him you're going to get Arnold to pose nude.

The casino let me lose all my money!

Dear Dotti: I'm so mad at those casinos! I went to one and lost all my money. I have a gambling problem and instead of turning me away, they let me lose all my money. I'm going to sue these people for their irresponsible behavior. How do I get these casinos to stop taking all my money? — High Roller in Atlantic City

Dear High Roller: Stay out of the casinos, genius.

Crawl back in your cave you freakin' weirdo!

Dear Dotti: I like to dress up in a bear costume when I make love to my wife. But she is not into it at all. She thinks it is weird. I told her that lots of people do role-playing games like this and it's perfectly normal. Isn't that right, Dotti? — Big Bear in Boise

Dear Bear: If you're looking for a vote of support, you came to the wrong

SPECIAL WEEKLY NEWS

Improve your life THE WITCHY WAY with . . .

MAGIC HERBS

HIGH PRIESTESS
Dr Sharon Salver

By SUSAN AMBROSINO/Weekly World News

YOU can [illegible] money, love, luck [illegible] much, much more with magic herbs and spices that witches and warlocks have relied on to line their pockets and live as happily as kings and queens for thousands of years!

All you have to do is [illegible] precisely [illegible] lacking in your life and then, after perusing the handy guide on this page, choose and use the magic herb or herbs that are right for you.

"It really is just that easy," declares Dr. Sharon Salver, a high priestess in Boston's Church of the Goddess of Love, and author of the life-changing new book, *Good Witch Sharon's Big [illegible]gical [illegible] Spices.*

"Once you've decided to add a little magic to your life — and goodness knows we can all use some — you're on your way.

"And when you see just how easy it is to change your life, to realize what I call the 'big ticket fantasies' that we all dream about, you'll kick yourself for not jumping on the bandwagon sooner.

"By 'big-ticket fantasies' I mean love, money, luck and glowing good health. When you think about it, there's very little more that a human could want. It's a simple truth that witches and warlocks and other pagans have understood for centuries.

"And nobody knows how to make your dreams come true better than a witch."

Not unlike true believers in other religions, witches, says Dr. Salver, believe a Supreme Being provided a plant, shrub, herb or spice to help humans achieve any purpose.

In the Judeo-Christian tradition, for example, the herb hyssop is touted as a [illegible] Bible verse, "Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean."

Witches, notes Dr. Salver, probably have a better understanding of the healing and [illegible] herbs and spices than any other group, with the possible exception of the Chinese, whose own herbal tradition dates back at least [illegible] years.

"The herbs you need to [illegible] changes in your life aren't difficult to find, either," explains Dr. Salver.

"You pick them up in health food stores or through the mail and often find some in your [illegible]

"Not only that, you can perform the simple rituals necessary [illegible] your life in the privacy of your home with many people having none the wiser."

Here, from Dr. Salver's book, is a collection of common herbs and spices that you can use in simple visualization rituals to attract love, money, health and luck.

MAGIC herbs will give you a [illegible]

VANILLA BEANS — [illegible] who [illegible] powerful [illegible] weight [illegible] luck — [illegible] spice up [illegible] sex li[illegible]

and look for [illegible] suits over a period [illegible] days or weeks rather than overnight.

"Don't be disappointed if you're seeking money and don't win a million-dollar lotto the same day," says Dr. Salver. "Make these simple rituals a part of your daily or weekly routine and you will, in fact, receive everything you seek.

"Health and happiness, money and luck, and unlimited love, are your birthright. Don't let anybody or anything stand in your way of obtaining them."

Love

Vanilla beans are among the most powerful of all magical herbs to help you attract love and maintain love.

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FOR LOVE, MONEY, LUCK, HEALTH ...AND MORE!

LIME is nature's money magnet, bringing wealth to all who use it.

pared to spice up your sex life or arouse your lover sexually. Sniff while visualizing the love you want and carry a few of beans in your pocket or purse to open "the energy channels" that make you — and the object of your desire — more receptive to the love that is available to anyone and everyone who opens her mind and heart to it. Repeat as desired and don't be afraid to share the technique with your friends. The love they find also will flow into your life and vice versa, bringing happiness and peace of mind that will transform you

Money

Crumble dried sage leaves in your palms as you think about money and all the things you can use it for — pay the bills, financing your education or buying a fabulous new home or car. Visualize cold, hard cash flowing into your life as you crush the leaves and let them drop onto a table in front of you. Then finished, gather the crushed sage and sprinkle it outside in front of all the doors to your house as a kind of "money vortex" or "cash magnet." Or, alternately, you can cook with it to "revitalize" your magic.

Once you get the money you need, do fresh or powdered bergamot

can help you make good financial deci-

Luck

To attract luck, you first have to open your mind and heart to the good fortune and opportunities that continually exist around each and every one of us. Ginger root can help. Smell it while visualizing the many good

can bring you — and all the ways luck can make your life more fun and interesting. It's best to perform this

GINGERROOT clears your mind and allows positive energy to flow freely into your life.

remembrance at least once a day, every day for maximum benefit. Carry a gingerroot with you to staff as well. In addition to clearing your mind and opening positive energies to flow freely into your life, ginger will energize you. Candid, though Ginger can be a powerful sexual stimulant for men and women in some cultures, savvy women rub a little fresh ginger on their underwear panels to arouse their lovers. The essential oil from the fresh root can irritate your skin so use it sparingly. A little goes a long way.

Health

Ordinary lemon peel — the "zest" of the lemon — restores and maintains spectacular good health, banishing illnesses and afflictions and then keeping them away. To use it, says Dr. Selver, grate the skin of a lemon, allowing the bits to drop down into a very thin linen or cotton cloth. Pick up the cloth by its four ends, then twist until you have a snug ball of lemon peel. Tie off with string. Find a quiet place and clear your mind. Visualize yourself in excellent health as you sniff and lick the lemon zest. If you are not well, visualize the fragrance healing your illness and banishing it from your body. Also visualize the smell energizing not just your body, but your mind — and spirit. Let your mind wander, and as you do, imagine the universe and everything in it as a single "energy" of which you are a part. Allow this infinite power to fill you with strength, purify your mind and body and cleanse you of the negativity that can make you sick. Keep these thoughts and maintain this state of mind as long as you like. When ready, open your eyes and "return" to normal consciousness. Repeat as desired. According to Dr. Selver, you cannot overuse this magic.

LEMONS purify the mind and body and eliminate you of negativity that can make you sick.

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URBAN MYTHS & LEGENDS

We've compiled the world's most amazing stories ever told – including:

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- Falling down sick Japanese ship
- The scared babysitter
- Kidney thieves
- The wedding blackmail
- New York sewer gators
- The wedding revenge
- ...and much more!

By CLIFF LINEDECKER & MICHAEL FORSYTH

MUNCHKIN SUICIDE

Did a little person hang himself during filming of The Wizard of Oz?

MUNCHKINS serenade Dorothy (Judy Garland) in a classic scene from the movie The Wizard of Oz.

URBAN MYTHS & LEGENDS

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — It seems that not even Glenda the Good Witch, the fair Uzma — the charming old humbug the book and movie were named after — could mend the broken heart of a pitiful munchkin who hanged himself on the set of *The Wizard of Oz*.

At least that's the conclusion of some fans of the children's classic who insist that the corpse of the unfortunate little man can be seen swinging from a tree in the background of one of the film's most memorable scenes.

The urban legend of the munchkin suicide has ignited an internet [illegible]

[illegible] seventy-seven years ago, [illegible] completed its [illegible] what clearly appeared to be the body of a small man hanging from a tree in the background.

Stunned by the apparent [illegible]

[illegible] and the Scarecrow are skipping merrily down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy [illegible]

While agreeing the [illegible] munchkin is going to [illegible] the [illegible] agreed that the [illegible] Some skeptics [illegible] it wasn't a suicide at all but a useless sacrifice [illegible] the cast finished their [illegible] scenes.

Others were equally [illegible] pointed out that it was [illegible] the movie [illegible] that producers [illegible] cultivated to make the set look less like the actual stage [illegible] the scene was [illegible]

WIZARD OF OZ FUN FACTS

THE INFAMOUS SCENE

As Dorothy, the Scarecrow and the Tin Man [illegible] down the road to [illegible] of the Emerald City, a [illegible] figure appears [illegible] behind the trees, [illegible] the Yellow Brick Road.

[illegible] image from this [illegible] a thrill that has [illegible] for a generation [illegible] thought the character had [illegible] ending — and many [illegible] of the way it depicted [illegible] who took his own life by hanging himself from

PRINT IN PRINCE 11 SMALL PLUS

Hitchhikers vanish into thin air!

A COUPLE was stunned when a beautiful teenage hitchhiker they had picked up vanished from the backseat of their car — without a trace.

Are these apparitions hoaxes — or messengers from God?

A husband and wife were driving along a lonely country road one dark night and stopped for a female hitchhiker. The pretty young woman asked for a ride to her home just a few miles up the road.

The travelers obliged and continued on with the woman riding silently in the backseat. As they drew near the house, the driver turned to inform the passenger they were arriving, only to discover she had vanished from the car without a trace!

Freaked out, the travelers quizzed the house staff, learning that a woman matching the description of the hitchhiker had died several years earlier in a car accident.

Her ghost, the astonished travelers were told, was often seen wandering beside the highway.

Stories like this, recounted by the famous — previously referred to as the lure of the "Vanishing Hitchhiker" — are known as one of the oldest urban myths — versions of it have been traced as far back as the 1800s with the phantom hitchhiker picked up by a horse and buggy instead of a car.

The story is so widespread that a top expert on urban legends Dr. Jan Harold Brunvand, titled the first volume of his latest book after it — "The Vanishing Hitchhiker: American Urban Legends and Their Meanings."

But does the fact that the same event is reported all over the world and in different time periods prove that the people it really happened to are telling the truth?

Some might argue that God sends these ghostly hitchhikers to Earth to show that there is life after death.

Indeed, in recent decades the story has taken on a distinctly spiritual overtones. A recent version is now making the rounds among Christians worldwide — the most recent case reportedly taking place in Texas.

A prominent businessman was driving down a lonely road outside town when he was flagged down by a wounded pedestrian.

The businessman offered the stranger a ride. As they drove and chatted, the businessman suddenly... the stranger turned to the driver and blurted out: "The Lord is coming back soon." Then she vanished into thin air!

The flabbergasted driver calls the police to report the incident. The cop on the other end of the line tells him: "Ordinarily we wouldn't believe you ... but you're the fifth person today who's had the same experience."

VARIATIONS OF THE HITCHHIKER STORY

- In some tellings of the story, the man who picks up the hitchhiker discovers a scarf or an article of clothing that was left in his car. He is later informed by the dead girl's parents that it belonged to their daughter.
- Sometimes the driver sees a picture of the dead girl in her parents' home. The details she's wearing in the photo, the realtors, is the same one she was wearing when he picked her up — and her parents say it's the same one she was wearing when she died.
- In the stories in which she disappears from his car, the man later

TELL 'EM LARGE MARGE SENT YOU!

A popular variation of *The Vanishing Hitchhiker* legend appeared in the movie, Pee-wee's *Big Adventure*.

That 1986 comedy classic had Pee-wee being picked up by a lady hitchhiker named Large Marge.

She tells Pee-wee a story about a tragic car accident that left the victims horribly scarred.

When they stop at a truck stop and Pee-wee being left alone with the ghostly stranger, we see her scary face.

She drops Pee-wee off at a truck stop and drives off. Later, customers tell Pee-wee that Large Marge actually died many years before.

WEIRD WORLD NEWS DOCUMENTARY

'Surprise!'

Mystery woman seduces men — just to give them AIDS

. . . says legend!

VICTIMS awaken after an overnight sex romp to find messages like this waiting for them.

URBAN MYTH & LEGENDS

A swinging bachelor meets a gorgeous, flirtatious young woman at a singles bar.

She picks him up, and he takes her back to his bachelor pad, where they have a sizzling one-night stand.

In the morning, the guy wakes up to find the mystery woman gone. But with his carnal needs satisfied, he doesn't particularly care.

That is, until he pads in to the bathroom and, to his horror, finds the words "Welcome to the AIDS club" scrawled in red lipstick on the mirror.

Supposedly, hundreds of hapless Romeos have suffered this horrible fate — all the victims of a vengeful floozy nicknamed "AIDS Mary."

This urban legend first cropped up in [illegible] when the scourge of AIDS first began to make inroads in to America's heterosexual population.

According to some versions, AIDS Mary was a victim of rape.

By other accounts she was infected with the [illegible]

[illegible] had the disease.

But in every account, the disease-carrying beauty is waging a personal war against all males — using her body as a weapon.

[illegible] AIDS Mary's [illegible] have [illegible] never caught her.

As a result, [illegible] researchers have concluded that the tale merely reflected the rampant AIDS paranoia of the time.

But that doesn't mean that there haven't been a handful of women who really did deliberately infect men — and who might have helped to feed the bizarre legend.

For example, [illegible] HIV-positive Pamela Wiser of Lewiston, [illegible]

[illegible]

THE AIDS VIRUS TRACES BACK TO 'PATIENT ZERO'

[illegible]

IT STARTED with one man: Gaetan Dugas, the bed-hopping flight attendant who may have almost single-handedly brought AIDS to America.

In 1980, the Canadian steward was [illegible] with Kaposi's sarcoma, a cancer-like lesion that was one of the most visible signs of AIDS.

Two years later, before AIDS was named as an illness, health investigators identified 19 gay men who were dying of a bizarre disease. Of the 19, four had sex with Dugas — and four others had gone to bed with people who'd made love with him.

Before his death in 1984, Dugas claimed he'd had sex with a mind-boggling 250 people a year — a total of 2,50[illegible]

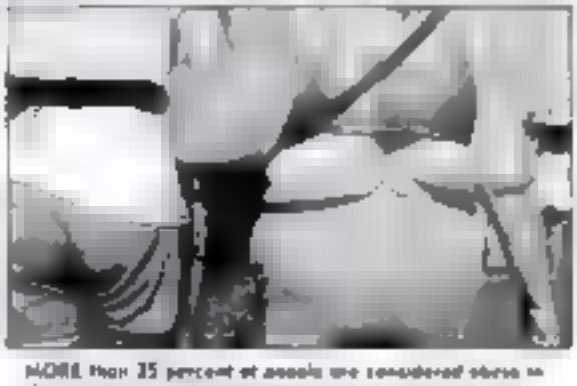
[illegible]

TUBBIES MELT FLAB AWAY WITH 'MIRACLE' DIET PILL

. . . which turns out to be a tapeworm!

Here's an urban legend that will really worm its way into your heart — if you've got a strong stomach:

This super-magnification of a specimen that an unlucky slim of the urban legend has made all of us think that you can.



MORE than 35 percent of people are considered obese in this country — and many will try just about anything to shed those extra pounds.

A company came up with a new miracle diet pills guaranteed to make you lose weight fast. Millions began to take them — and quite promptly, they began peeling off the pounds.

Trouble was, after a few weeks, folks began to lose so much weight and to feel so awful that they became dangerously thin.

So government officials launched a probe to investigate — and to their horror, discovered that many of the pills — and some of their deadliest, they found out, were tapeworms!

So goes the urban legend.

A variation of the tale features a young woman who loved the pills until she delighted in finally find something that worked.

Of course, her joy turned to horror as she lay in bed one night and her husband saw a tapeworm's head come wiggling right out of her butt.

Incredible as all this may sound, it has a basis in fact.

Many diet pills were marketed in the United States between 1900 and 1938, according to the web-based Urban Legends Research Center, which probes — and usually debunks — popular culture myths.

Besides the unfortunate anonymous female dieter, many others fell victim to the scam, ranging from the fair-game subject Maria Callas to German-born aberrancies Claudia Schiffer.

The Schiffer story is complete bogwash — but there does seem to be a grain of truth to the Callas tale of the tapeworm.

Callas, who died in 1977 at age 53, was known to be obsessed with her weight and dieting to an unhealthy degree.

She was partial to steak and liked eating rich meat dishes prone to contamination.

Nevertheless, the rumor that the diva's death had resulted from the pills tapeworm-infested meat was denied by her friends and physicians.

Still, the story has persisted, and it's easy to see why.

It's got all the elements of a good urban legend: It's gross, it's scary, it's unbelievable and it's sexist. In this story, many body-positive theorists include the fat-hating villain.

To add insult to injury, some accounts claim that after she became ill from the pills, she legendary vowed that its power and she never remarried.

How the worm turns!

Crew jailed because no one believed

'OUR SHIP WAS SUNK — BY A FLYING COW'

AKITA, Japan — [illegible] captain and crew of a fishing trawler that [illegible] in the [illegible] of Japan were jailed after they stubbornly insisted their ship was lost when it was struck by a flying [illegible] plunged out of a clear sky.

The dive-bombing bovine crashed into the vessel amid ships, ripping a huge hole in the hull and sending it to the bottom in minutes, according to the shaken survivors.

The fishermen said they survived by climbing into the trawler's single lifeboat or clinging to wreckage.

Widely reported in the Japanese press, the bizarre mishap remained a mystery for nearly three years before shamefaced authorities in Moscow reluctantly admitted to the Red [illegible] that the Russian Air Force was responsible.

The disgraced fishermen had been freed from jail — still proclaiming their innocence and sticking to their story — when their bizarre claim was vetted in a 1996 [illegible] to the Russian newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda.

The story was picked up by an international news agency.

So the questionable story of the kamikaze bovine's crash-landing on the ill-fated trawler was broadcast around the world.

According to the captain, a group of Russian airmen stole a cow grazing near an airfield in Siberia and loaded it into a cargo plane then took off for their home base in Vladivostok.

The aircraft had almost reached its destination when the terrified cow snapped ropes it was tied up with and began rampaging throughout the hold — forcing its captors to jettison it 30,000 feet over the Sea of Japan, Air Force authorities admitted.

The doomed trawler was directly below.

But as the story grabbed the imagination of the world, the Kremlin, in typical fashion, did a quick about-face and denied Russian involvement in the international flap.

A spokesman for the Russian Defense Ministry branded reports of the kamikaze cow as "rubbish."

Here in America we've come to term the incident an urban legend, and we told you never knew if it was true.

JAPANESE trawlers, much like the one shown here, are built to withstand [illegible]

URBAN MYTHS & LEGENDS

...them!

EVEN WE don't believe it!

Man goes to bed with a sexy blonde — & wakes up minus a kidney

IF YOU wake up after a night of passion in a tub full of icy water — you might want to call an ambulance!

LAS VEGAS — A Boston businessman may have thought it was the luckiest night of his life when a sexy blonde he met in a casino bar invited herself up to his room for a nightcap and an intimate time-frolic.

That all changed when he regained consciousness a couple of hours later, shivering alone in a bathtub filled with ice and a thick, congealed fluid — and discovered to his right side.

Fighting against a throbbing pain worse than he had ever felt in his life, the overtaxing executive peered woozily at his chest and saw a message scrawled in lipstick: "Call 911."

The unlucky businessman was just one more victim of an international gang of rogue doctors who are stealing healthy kidneys for resale on the medical underground, according to police reports.

Investigators have been [illegible] gang, who sell to wealthy patients who pay anywhere from [illegible] and a [illegible] chance at life.

The docs are said to be employed by a [illegible] sophisticated [illegible] gang that includes medical professionals. They sell for [illegible] dollars a piece with a ready supply of [illegible] ers, such as Las Vegas, New Orleans, Paris, Rome, Tokyo and Bahrain, available.

According to reports, the [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] are [illegible] to have organs damaged by disease or substance abuse.

"A good kidney from a healthy CEO, lawyer or CPA commands top dollar," an Italian police inspector was quoted as saying.

"One patient got 10 lire for a kidney from some drunk passed out in an alley.

"That would be like trying to [illegible]

DO YOU REALLY HEAR MESSAGES WHEN YOU MUSIC BACKWARD?

Play Led Zeppelin's classic *Stairway to Heaven* backward, and, some swear, you'll hear the chilling words, "I will sing because I live with Satan."

That's just one example of what believers call backmasking, the supposed planting of sinister subliminal messages in popular music.

According to this urban legend, many rock albums contain sudden verbal messages that were played into the recordings in reverse. To the conscious mind, the backward lyrics sound like gibberish, but the subconscious absorbs them like a sponge, many Christian leaders warn.

URBAN MYTHS & LEGENDS

When unwitting young fans listen to the music, they're supposedly drawn to worship Satan and engage in destructive behavior.

And it was just the little thumping, rock'n'roll the devil's music crowd who are worried about backmasking. Tipper Gore cited it among her concerns when she launched her crusade against the music industry in the 1980s.

There's no doubt that some rock musicians have used backmasking. Take Queen. The first known case was in the mid-'80s when they put a backward "Let's get high" into "Seven Seas of Rhye." Or the Beatles' song "Revolution 9," in which John Lennon said "turn me on, dead man."

Other instances cited by music authorities are equally benign. For example, at the end of Pink Floyd's "Empty Spaces" from the album "The Wall," the backward message "Congratulations. You've just discovered the secret message. Please send your answer to Roger, care of Waters Park, Cheltenham" was sent in response to the Pink Floyd fan club.

But what has Christians up in arms is the belief that in other songs, satanic messages have been planted.

Most controversial of all is a rumor that the backward messages are being secretly inserted by Hollywood's occult and the Devil's own record companies.

Psychologists are unable to find any sinister motives.

The un-conspiracy theorists who carefully checked out and cleared.

Nurses and other medical professionals were interviewed and questioned about their hygienic practices, without turning up a single clue.

There, according to reports, worried investigators got the break they were looking for.

Some members of the hospital staff coming on duty for the morning shift found a dead body in the same bed of the intensive-care unit at the sprawling Boragewamth Hospital.

The deaths occurred as regularly as clockwork, according to what complaints from outraged callers who alerted a Johannesburg radio station in August 1986.

That's how long this urban myth has persisted.

According to the legend, alarmed hospital authorities knew it wasn't unusual for patients to die in intensive care. But they also realized that the habitual Friday morning casualties had to be more than a mere coincidence.

Something was drastically wrong, but no one knew what — or who — was at fault.

WERE 14 HOSPITAL PATIENTS KILLED BY A CAREFUL CLEANING LADY?

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Every Friday for two terrible months, staff coming on duty for the morning shift found a dead body in the same bed of the intensive-care unit at the sprawling Boragewamth Hospital.

She unknowingly unplugged their life-support!

daylight one Friday morning when the cleaning lady walked in and went to work.

Without a word, she walked to a wall socket, pulled out the life-support equipment's plug and hooked up her floor polisher.

With her life-support disconnected, the patient in the bed began gasping for breath. So did the medical professionals who were standing around her bed.

The patient's life was saved and the mystery was solved!

The whirring of the floor polisher drowned out the death struggles of dying patients, and the cleaning lady had been unaware of her role in the tragedy. Each Friday after finishing the floor, she had unplugged the life support machine and continued her chores.

One Free State newspaper

SATANIC PLAY

WE'RE not sure what this guy is listening to — but it's not the New Digest

DEVIL MUSIC? YOU DECIDE

The following are a few examples of songs that many people believe to have backmasking — and most of the messages refer to Satan. Many of these are hard to understand —

Michael Jackson — Beat It
Alleged backmasking: "Eat at me. Sexy Sadomasochistic (Unintelligible) People all worship."
Michael is one of the most successful musicians in

Led Zeppelin — Stairway to Heaven
Alleged backmasking: "There's to my sweet Satan. . . . Ooh! Now you did, there was a little prankster whose to make us sing and Satan."

Eagles — Hotel California
Alleged backmasking: "Welcome to Satan, he expected us, he expected to see us again." The "California" is a street in Los Angeles where the first Satanic Church was built.

Queen — Another One Bites the Dust
Alleged backmasking: "It's fun to smoke marijuana." This is a very famous clip. Many think it's an example of backward backmasking.

DEADLY SEWER GAT[illegible] ON THE LOOSE

Are New York tunnels full of man-eating predators?

NEW YORK — Giant alligators are roaming the Big Apple's sewers, feasting on the homeless — and hard-hearted authorities are ignoring the slaughter.

Sightings of alligators lurking in the darkened tunnels and watery recesses below the city have been reported since the 1930s, when the New York City sewer superintendent reportedly organized a massive extermination campaign.

On February 10, 1935, the venerable New York Times reported the capture of a nearly 8-foot-long gator in Harlem.

But the tale wasn't really [illegible] the gator menace until 1959 when author Robert B. Daley [illegible] in his history of New York City's public utilities, [illegible] that [illegible] Sewer Superintendent Teddy May had launched a bloody war against the reptiles nearly a quarter century earlier.

He ordered his men to shoot, poison or drown [illegible] one down [illegible] track down [illegible]

Daley speculated that the alligators got into the sewers when [illegible] New Yorkers brought pets home from Florida.

As they grew [illegible] became too troublesome to handle, the reptiles were allegedly flushed down toilets, which sent them into the city's sewer system.

Once settled into their new homes, the alligators fattened up on [illegible] roaches and sewer rats.

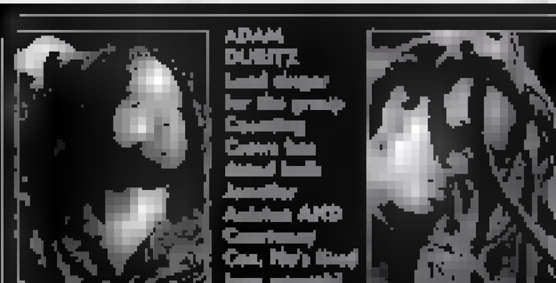
The [illegible] began in the 1930s [illegible]

[illegible]

But the [illegible] New York City [illegible] man-eating [illegible]

Though [illegible] truth to this [illegible]

MANY people believe that New Yorkers



ADAM DURITZ Lead singer for the group Counting Crows has dated both Jennifer Aniston AND Courteney Cox. He's lived long enough

ERIC BENET If this musician should die from his dreadlocks, that would make actress Halle Berry a

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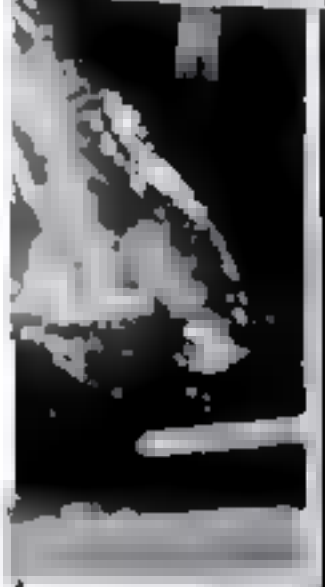
THIS iconic from the movie Alligator played on the fears of city dwellers everywhere.

URBAN MYTHS & LEGENDS



LENNY KRAVITZ: The popular musician has since cut his long locks — good thing!

KILLER 'DOs — ARE THESE STARS AT RISK?

WHOOPI GOLDBERG: She's worn him style a long she may have built

Are killer spiders nesting in your hairdo?

Those beehives & dreadlocks could be your worst enemy!

NEW ORLEANS — More than 30 years after dangerous insect-harboring beehive haircuts went out of style, a deadly new peril has allegedly emerged to threaten men and women who wear their hair in dreadlocks.

The newest alarm, warning of deadly poisonous adult spiders and their venomous hatchlings lurking in the tangles and matings created for the popular Caribbean hairstyle, has been widely spread on radio talk shows and in newspaper columns.

But many people still haven't gotten the word or have ignored the warnings, and the latest casualties are adding a deadly toll of victims who have chosen style over safety, according to urban legend.

One victim is a radio talk show host, a young man who appeared to be in his early 20s, began to scream and crumple on the ground and tear at his hair in a fatal grab. Then he passed out!

Two versions exist to help, but both barely beat paramedics before they crumbled to horror.

Dozens of little bugs with markings like fire and venom on their body — later identified as lethally poisonous redback spiders native to Australia — were crawling out of his hair and attacking one

THIS woman may just have noticed that her beehive hairdo

GROOM GETS REVENGE ON CHEATING BRIDE

. . . by giving stunned wedding guests a photo of her sex romp!

CHICAGO — Guests at the reception were still talking about the dazzling wedding and the radiant bride when the groom left her side at the reception to pick up the microphone.

More than 100 guests quieted their chatter, laid down their dinner forks, and peered toward the podium as he thanked them for attending.

He extended special appreciation to his family and the family of the bride for their love and support.

Then the handsome groom announced that since everyone had been so generous with their time and gifts, he had left a little present for each of them in a manila envelope taped to the bottom of their chair.

As the curious guests opened the envelopes, they were shocked to discover

URBAN MYTHS & LEGENDS

SHE DONE him wrong, so the groom in this re-enactment calls for a time-out — and his bride will soon wish they'd called it off!

Wedding gal gets back at cheatin' man

. . . by leaving him at the altar in front of the guests

PALM BEACH, Fla. — A swanky church wedding in the world-famous playground of the rich left the audience sitting in stunned disbelief moments before the final vows, when the bride turned to the audience and sweetly announced:

"I want to thank you all for being here, and for your wonderful gifts.

"I want to thank my mother and father for being such perfect and loving parents."

Then turning to the groom, she snarled:

"And I want to thank you for sleeping with my maid of honor last night."

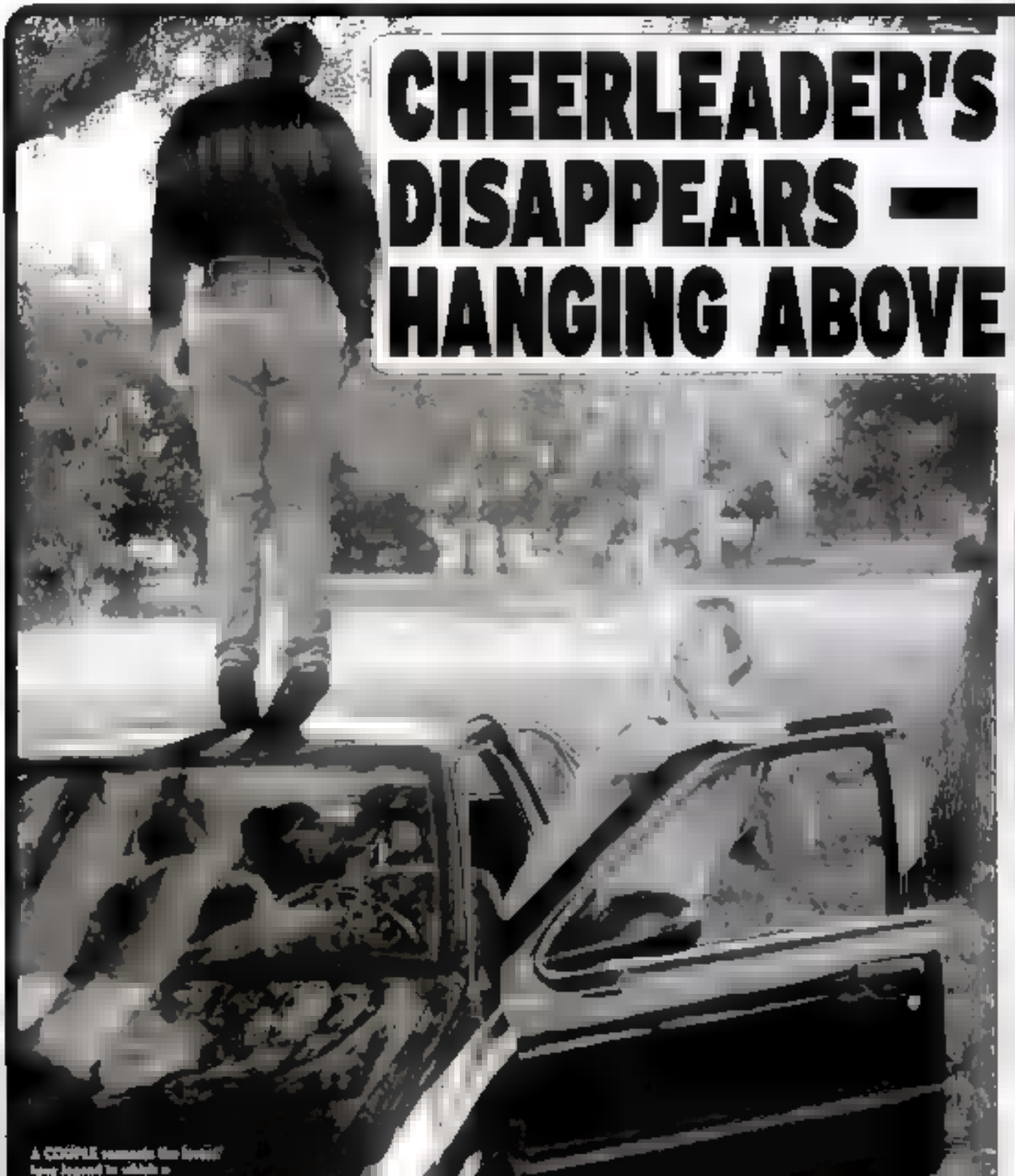
With that said, she pushed her wedding bouquet into the startled groom's face, ripped off her wedding veil, stormed down

DRAMATIC restaging shows a bride going ballistic after the groom rehearsed the wedding night with her maid of honor.

These are typical of Miss Urban, legend say Palm Beach's powerful movers and shakers tried to hush up the scandal. But none of the wedding guests who witnessed the humiliation to

ered carried out of the church, the tale was circulating on the

CHEERLEADER'S DISAPPEARS — HANGING ABOVE



A COUPLE wounds the lovin' boy bound to which a

BOYFRIEND & IS FOUND HER CAR!

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Romance turned to horror for a pair of high school sweethearts after they ended a late-night smooching session in a secluded lovers' lane, according to one of the most famous [redacted] legends.

Discovering their car had run out [redacted] gas while they were steaming up the windows, the boyfriend left [redacted] walk [redacted] a service station.

Before leaving, the boy — who was the [redacted] of the local high school football team — firmly told his cheerleader girlfriend to cover up with a blanket. Under no circumstances, [redacted], should she unlock [redacted] doors for anybody but him.

According to accounts on [redacted] and the Internet, she waited quietly for an hour. Then two, with no sign of her boyfriend.

At last she turned on the radio to listen to a few minutes of music — but the program was interrupted by a news bulletin.

The announcer warned local residents to stay inside their homes and keep their doors locked because a homicidal maniac responsible for a string of grisly murders had escaped from an area hospital for the criminally insane. And he was believed to be in the area.

The terrified teenager quickly switched off the radio and decided to drive home.

But when she tried to start the car, the engine refused to turn over.

Realizing the battery had gone dead because [redacted] left the lights on, she decided to wait for her boyfriend to show up with the gasoline.

Instead, she heard a strange, muffled knocking sound on top of the car. The sound moved slowly up to the front of the car, then back, then up and back again.

She was shaking with fear but somehow managed to drop off to sleep.

It was daylight when she was awakened by a loud knock on the door window and looked up to see a farmer staring in at her. His tractor was parked a few feet away.

"Don't get out of the car," he yelled. "I've sent for help."

But the girl opened the door and climbed out of the car anyway, then screamed and fainted when she glanced up at the roof.

There, hanging by a rope from the limb of a huge willow tree, with his throat slit and his eyes gouged out, was the bloody corpse of her boyfriend.

On the ground lay the full gas can.

The feet of the swaying corpse kept dragging across the roof of the car — making the knocking sound.

Family nurses sick 'pup' back to health

. . . AND IT TURNS OUT TO BE A RAT!

TAMPA, Fla. — A softhearted Midwestern family rescued a bedraggled little ball of fur that was desperately fighting to keep afloat in Tampa Bay. But urban legend has it that because of their good turn, they were soon facing a ghastly killer disease.

The grisly ordeal was so weird and unbelievable it appeared about to die when it was lifted out of the water, dried off and wrapped in towels by a young mother of three. She and her family were on a fishing vacation on Florida's west coast.

The animal was about the size of a Chihuahua, with hairless pink skin that was covered with sores, and a long scaly tail that looked like a rat's.

The kindness here was one used to nursing baby animals and other stray animals back to health, and after calming the animal and talking to the family's small kids, she said as was common to find it with the mom put in to bed in a basket on the floor of a closet and closed the door, according to later reports.

She and her husband continued the task of caring for the little stray animal and closed the door to the closet door and was curled up at the foot of their bed.

When the woman got up and walked down to get it, she noticed it was dead.

And that wasn't the worst of it!

After closely inspecting the dead animal, the couple discovered that it had been infected with the deadly Bubonic Plague!

Alarmed, they rushed the little corpse to the office of a county veterinarian and asked him to determine the cause of death.

It took only a few minutes to inspect the animal and analyze a blood sample before the veterinarian and assistant to had dreadful news.

This was not what a Chihuahua as they had suspected.

It was a Hong Kong rabbit rat.

And it had been killed by the Black Plague!

TRAPPER TRUSTED KILLING

A widowed trapper's tragic error of judgment taught him a painful lesson about how much to trust man's best friend.

This heartbreaking legend is said to have taken place in the wilds of one of the mountain states, some say North Dakota, in the late 1800s or early 1900s but exactly where, when and to whom is now forgotten.

For years a trapper lived alone with no one to keep him company except his trusty sled dog, a huge and extremely intelligent creature that was part wolf. Some friends warned him that one day the animal might "turn bad," but he refused to listen to them.

Eventually the trapper married but his wife died soon afterwards and left him on his own.

The widower became more and more reliant on the dog for company, chatting to the animal as he went about his daily chores. Normally it did as he asked, but one day, while in a distant part of the trapper's territory, it refused to return to the sled. All the way back, he had an eerie sense that something was wrong. Sure enough, as he approached the wooden cabin, he was alarmed to find the door half open, swaying in the wind.

Inside, the trapper found his dog's tight-gripped jaws dripping blood. But there was nowhere to be seen – not in the cabin or anywhere around the homestead.

As the trapper stood shaking in horror, his dog's head dropped from its muzzle and with a howl of pain and despair, it leapt through the open door and disappeared into the snow.

With a cry of rage, the trapper raised his axe and smashed it down with all his might, lopping off the head of the now-dead beast.

Then he heard a baby cry. There, hidden safe and sound under the overturned sled, was his little boy, alive and unharmed. And on the other side of the bed lay a dead bear, still clutching a piece of the dog's bloody fur in its jaws.

The trapper's dog hadn't gone bad at all. The loyal hero had savagely fought to save the infant's life.

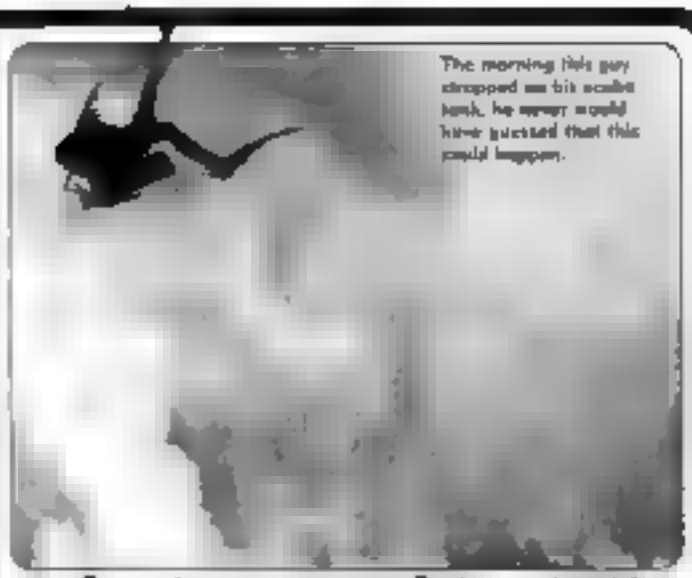
A MAN'S dog, some say is his

URBAN MYTHS & LEGENDS

WOLVES can be extremely ferocious and have been

KILLS HIS DOG FOR INFANT SON

. . . only to find his pet was a hero!



The morning this guy dropped on his scuba hook, he never would have guessed that this could happen.

Airplane accidentally scoops up scuba diver

. . . and drops him on a forest fire!

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The last thing investigators seeking the cause of a giant forest fire expected to find in a tree was the scorched body of a scuba diver, fully dressed in a wet suit complete with swim fins, mask and air tanks — but there he was, dangling forlornly from the branches.

It was around 1400 when the dumbfounded inspection team discovered the partial corpse of the diver hanging high in the limbs of a giant redwood ... and found themselves with a new mystery to solve that was even more perplexing than fighting out the cause of the destructive blaze.

The mystery of the dead scuba diver quickly became part of the fire story that was told and retold as innocent scuba jumpers and veteran firefighting experts got together to talk shop.

But what detectives could be certain of, to help the story, after investigators appeared to be hopelessly mired in an unsolvable puzzle, and concerned help [illegible] as professional as

rapidly discovered in the middle of the charred forest. The victim was identified as a middle aged [illegible] reported missing by his wife after leaving home but of all [illegible] of only clues along the rugged northern California coast.

A search team combed the area, but there was no sign of the diver.

Piecing together the events on the fateful day the diver died investigators determined that he was accidentally scooped up by a tanker plane as it [illegible] with huge buckets to collect water from the ocean, then flown to the fire and dumped on the flames.

The unfortunate diver was positively identified through dental records.

And an autopsy report later revealed that he died from massive internal injuries.

As in any good legend, the air

BEWARE OF PHONY PERFUME SALESPEOPLE

'Sniff & sleep bandits' spray drugs in your face & rob you blind!

MOBILE, Ala. — Women are being targeted by ruthless thieves known as the "sniff and sleep bandits" — because they disable their prey with phony perfume that leaves them senseless and easy pickings for robbery.

The thieves, usually females, work in [redacted] and typically approach women in shopping mall parking lots or go door-to-door, offering expensive designer perfume at cut-rate prices — then invite the prospective customers to take a sample sniff.

According to urban legend that's the last thing victims remember until they regain consciousness with a pounding headache and without their cash, credit cards or other valuables stolen out of their purses, carts and homes.

The tests on women duped by the outrageous hoaxsters have failed to reveal exactly what chemical agents are used in the phony perfume but whatever it is, authorities say, it's as powerful as old-fashioned knockout drops.

The cruel hoax has been going on since at least 1995 when a woman reported to local police that she was robbed of $400 by a stranger who approached her in a bank parking lot and talked her into sniffing a sample of $45 cologne she was peddling for $9.

When she regained her senses a half hour later, the victim said, she was standing in another parking lot two miles from the bank with her car keys in her hand and minus $500 of her own money and $900 that belonged to her employer.

After the robbery of the Mobile woman was reported in the news, similar stories began popping up around the country. Some authorities are said to be considering issuing a nationwide alert to beware of the "sniff and sleep bandits" during the Christmas shopping season.

Although the approach sometimes varies, the thieves often claim to be peddling designer scents stolen by truck hijackers working for the Mafia — enabling them to offer it for sale at such cut rate prices.

The cunning con artists have struck in cities across the country, but are especially active in the South, according to warnings on talk

LADIES: Don't let her innocent

College coed escapes being slashed by killer

. . . and finds a note from him, scrawled in blood!

BOSTON — A young college coed narrowly escaped a grisly death at the hands of a homicidal maniac — but it wasn't until the next day, when the killer left her a blood-chilling note, that she knew just how close she had come to a gruesome end.

The young woman was a sophomore at a Boston-area university when she agreed to spend the evening with her boyfriend in his off-campus apartment, according to the urban legend that has circulated through the college community since that dreadful night.

But before settling in for the evening, she needed to gather up books, a toothbrush and fresh clothes from the second-floor dorm room she shared with another girl.

It was almost midnight when she crept quietly into the darkened room, careful not to awaken her roommate, and gathered up her things without turning on the light. Despite the darkness she found the spot of her bed by tying a ribbon to the bedpost at the head of the other girl's bed, and retrieved it without disturbing her. Her roommate never stirred.

Then she slipped outside and met her waiting boyfriend, and they drove to his apartment.

She was getting ready for class the next morning when she realized she had forgotten a book from the night before. Her roommate drove her to the dorm to pick it up.

The street outside the dorm was filled with police and emergency vehicles. When the coed had a chance she asked the dormmaster to quietly tell her roommate's name, he quietly led her upstairs to her room.

Her roommate was missing — and the pillow and blankets on her bed were drenched with blood.

The bloody mess, officials said, had been caused by a knife-wielding intruder.

The horrified young woman looked away from her roommate's bed. But eyes focused on a wall that the banging over her desk.

A second glance at a message on the mirror — apparently left there for her by the killer — was all it took before she hurried to the floor.

Scrawled in blood were these chilling words:

"Aren't you glad you didn't turn on the light?"

BABYSITTER GETS PHONE CALL FROM A MADMAN

...and operator tells her it came from upstairs!

EVERY babysitter's worst nightmare! The baby is upstairs!

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A quiet evening turned into a night of bone-chilling terror for an innocent high school girl while she was babysitting for neighbors.

The rural teenager had cared for the toddlers before, and everything appeared to be going according to plan after the parents left to attend a Halloween party, according to those who keep this urban legend going.

She finished feeding the two-headed brother and sister, cleaned up the dishes, and then settled down to read them a short bedtime story, dressed them in their PJ's and put them to bed upstairs.

The old-fashioned farmhouse was quiet and the sitter, keeping one eye on her homework and another on the television, was absorbed in a late-night news broadcast on the 11 p.m. news.

She felt a chill upon seeing that her sister on the newscaster revealed that a maniac known as The Knifeman had escaped from a nearby hospital for the criminally insane.

Suddenly, she saw the spooky outline of a strange man darting hastily through the branches of a huge moss-covered willow tree just outside, and the creaking and groaning timbers of the old house, the frightened girl was about to check the front door lock — when the telephone rang.

The shrill ringing startled her but she calmed herself and picked up the receiver. Expecting the call to be from the parents of the children, she was alarmed when the voice of a strange man asked:

"Did you remember to lock all the doors and windows?"

The question was followed by the laughing cackle of a madman!

The girl screamed and dropped the phone. Then, with trembling hands, she picked it back up and dialed 911.

Stammering in fright, she told the operator that it would be immediately checked out.

Tears were already welling up in the terrified girl's eyes when the 911 operator called back and, making no attempt to hide the urgency in her voice, ordered:

"Get out of the house. Now! That telephone call came from the other line — upstairs!"

The terrified sitter fled outside. A short time later, she watched in horror while two burly officers led the handcuffed and wildly cursing Knifeman from the house she had been babysitting in.

Moments later, the children were already being taken to a hospital emergency room and given a strong sedative before the pitifully mutilated bodies of the little brother and sister were rolled out of their bedroom on gurneys — and taken in the ambulance.

SCARIEST PHONE CALL SCENES

If you like scary movies, these are three of the scariest phone call scenes on film.

WHEN A

BLACK CHRISTMAS

SCREAM

URBAN MYTHS & LEGENDS

We hope you've enjoyed this week's Urban Myths & Legends

Looks like it'll be a ho-ho-horrible Christmas for a lot of kids this year — Santa has gotten trashed! Fortunately, this isn't the real St. Nick — it's just a guy set up by workers having a little holiday fun with a Santa mannequin at a landfill in Hillsboro, Ore. The real Santa knows how to hold his eggnog better than that!

Tubby woman killed by her 52EEE breasts!

By SUSAN MADISON/Weekly World News

A 412-POUND woman died tragically after she fell headfirst out of bed, knocked herself out — and was suffocated by her own massive mammaries!

Authorities say 47-year-old Angelica Vitadonna got tangled in her bedsheets, causing her to tumble to the tile floor and strike her head.

The suburban Chicago woman's enormous size 52EEE breasts then lodged on top of her face, cutting off her air supply.

"It was a freak accident to which the lady's excessive size had tragic repercussions," said a spokesman for the local police.

"There is no evidence whatsoever of foul play. The

ANGELICA Vitadonna

broken into."

The 5-foot-2-inch victim, owner of a gourmet food store, was severely obese and had been warned by her doctors to lose weight.

Friends told police she was found by her cleaning woman on the morning of October 18.

"The results showed she died of suffocation," the police spokesman said.

"There was no sign of a struggle, and no sign that a pillow or other object had been used to kill her.

"It appears her own breasts were the cause of death."

A neighbor of the dead woman who asked not to be identified said Miss Vitadonna was a good-hearted woman who had become increasingly crippled by her large size.

"They're always saying that being overweight can

seen on the night of October 2 when she left her store at about six in the evening. She told an employee she planned a quiet night at home watching TV.

Neighbors told police they noticed nothing unusual about her, and did not see or hear any unusual activity around her first-floor apartment.

Friends confirmed those were Vitadonna's favorite foods.

The police source adds, "We think she probably blacked out when she struck her head. She was found lying face up with her head on the floor and her feet still on the bed.

"Her enormous breasts had fallen down over her face in such a way that she couldn't get air through her nose or her mouth."

An autopsy revealed the

worse Little Debbie cupcakes and a liter of diet soda around her chair.

"So at least we can be sure she enjoyed her last meal."

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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS

It's still 1950 in Good Times, Kansas

There's no smut, no violence – & gas is still 23¢ a gallon!

LIFE in Good Times is just how multimillionaire founder Rex Mellish remembers living in a small Midwestern town

KANSAS CITY — Remember the good old days? Wish they were back again? Well, now they are! A Kansas multimillionaire has built a picture-perfect small town in America's heartland where it's always the 1950s!

By MIKE FOSTER

CARRIE Boyfriend

Living in Good Times, Kan., pop. 702, is like stepping into an episode of TV's *Happy Days*.

- Folks drive around in big, shiny '57 Chevys and other vintage autos of the era — and the local gas station charges just 23 cents per gallon.
- Girls in poodle skirts make home calls.
- There are no results of sexual studies at the local diner, where the waitresses roll around on roller skates and double features cost just a buck. Every Saturday night before prom, there's a car hop showing.
- Teenage girls wear saddle shoes instead of trashy, belly-button baring togs, and boy-crazy jews. And there's not a nose ring or a tattoo in sight.
- There are no computers or video games in town. Fun may be had on a checkerboard or playing stickball or tiddlywinks in the alley behind Ed's. They also enjoy reading books with a penny and

5000 Times founder Rex Mellish

5000 Times is a near-perfect model of the classic 50s small town. It's also a ghost town, with no residents. Mellish plans to change that.

Living in Good Times, Mellish says he's found himself drawn to the simpler existence he remembers from childhood in the Midwest.

"In most cities today people don't pass on the street and say hello," he says. "Kids use drugs and play rap music. I want all things that were then."

Besides Mellish, the only other people in Good Times are a few employees who work at the town's gas station, diner and movie theater. Mellish says he has no plans to have residents move into the town, which appears on no map.

Mellish says he knows what he's doing is unusual, but he's confident that others will share his vision. He says he would expect to have residents moving into Good Times within a year.

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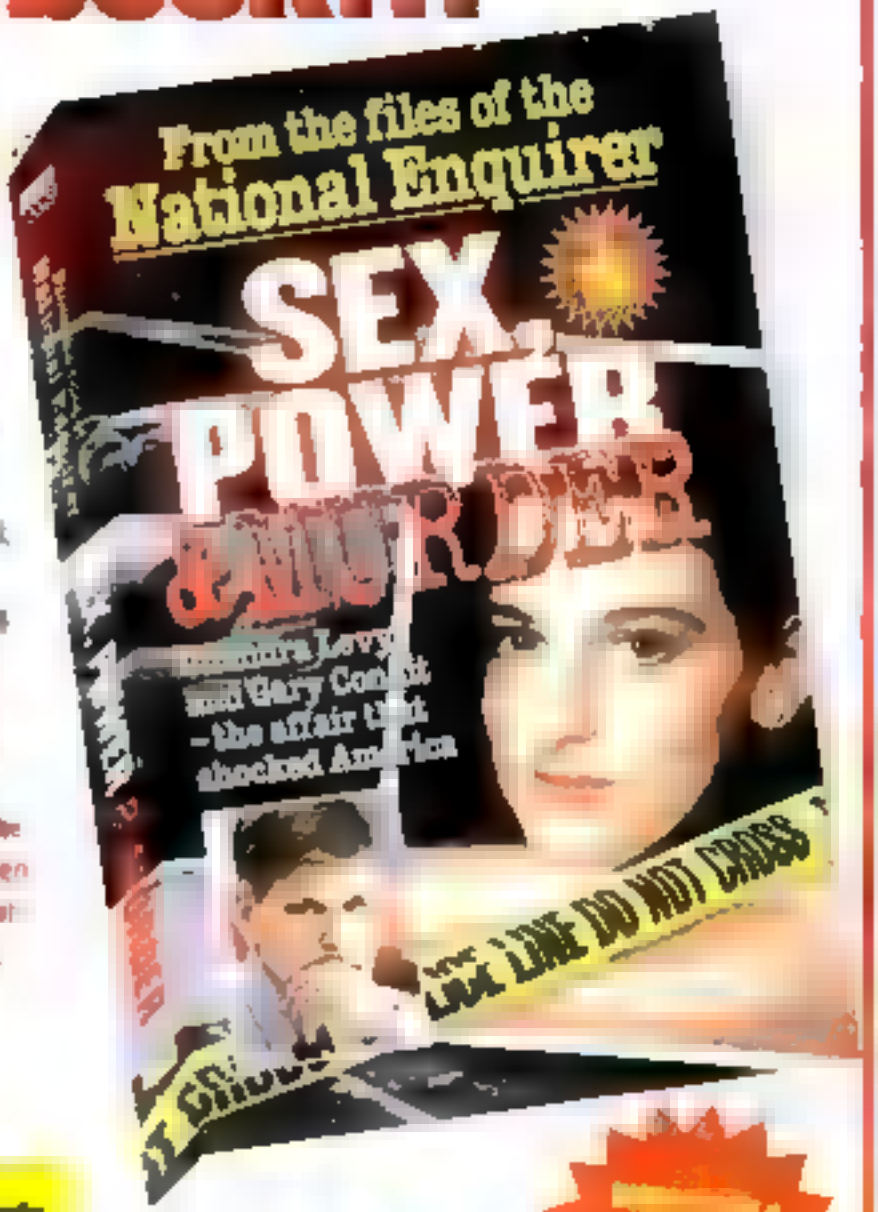
"I know that people from all over will come to see Good Times," he says. "But everyone knows about Good Times, and it will be occupied with people who want to live here and everything would change," explains Mellish.

"I'd rather have a few dedicated residents who want to live here than a lot of people who don't care."

"I was riveted by this book..."

— award winning author
Dominick Dunne



Sex, Power & [illegible] the new book from the files of the *National Enquirer* that critics and readers alike can't put down.

Dominick [illegible], author of *Justice: [illegible], Trials & Punishments, A [illegible] in Purgatory* and other top [illegible] novels says: "Ever since her disappearance in May of 2001, the nation has been gripped by the tragic story of Chandra Levy. In *Sex, Power & Murder*, taken from the case files of the *National Enquirer*, all the pieces, many of them obscene, have been put together in a coherent story line that makes for scorching reading. I, for one, was riveted by this book."

On sale now in the book departments of supermarkets, mass merchandise stores and drugstores everywhere, as well as leading bookstores.

AMI BOOKS

Weekly World [redacted] exclusive: The WORLD'S BIGGEST CROSSWORD!

ACROSS

1 Don't follow the rules (3 wds)
8 Gridiron glasses
12 Close by
14 Lawyer's test
16 Old auto
18 Infamous Loch
19 Mental confusion
20 Don't follow suit
21 Barnacles
23 Internal conflict (2 wds)
25 Word of caution
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27 Mountain ridge
28 Glitzy allure (Var)
30 Shoreline
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187 Smeared

185 Go farther down
187 Plaything
188 Etude
189 Ship's poles
191 Short jacket
192 "Pygmalion" author
193 Permeated
195 Sub finder
197 Completed again
198 Rental document
202 Scientist Albert
204 More recent
205 Cut back on spending
208 Relating to birds
211 Flowing garment
213 Keepsake
215 Biodegrable item
218 Representative
217 Became ready
220 Festive occasion
222 Chess sound
223 Expressway exits
225 Play a part
227 Unable to
229 Dressy garment
231 Island nation
233 Mountain goat
233 Drawn in sound
235 Ship's device
237 Roman garment
238 Speed contests
239 Indian instruments
241 Literary category
242 Muscular guys (Hyph)
243 Customer
245 Possible to contradict
246 "Sign on the — line"
247 Seriously weird
248 Palate coverings
249 Condemn
250 Map line (Abbr)
251 Louse
252 Not as much
253 Sixty-plus person
254 Scarcely

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2 Put the cuffs on
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9 Hauled around
10 Round Table figure
11 Auction off
17 Peter Jennings' gang
13 On cloud nine
17 Peak
16 Monastery
19 College officials
20 Fragrant flowers
27 Back of the boat
24 Lessened
25 Ghostly exclamation
29 Uncooked
32 Outerwear
33 Asian city
35 That guy
37 For example
39 Hole covering
39 Choir voice
43 Mr. Mostel
45 Liberate
48 Compass direction
51 Sausage [redacted]
52 Avenger
53 Game galleries
55 Mill product
61 Lowest point
62 Marsh grass
64 Green preserve
65 "It's — ou all over again!"
67 Lean-to
69 Yellow fruit
72 Ring of color
74 Elbow room
76 Dependable
78 Weeps loudly
80 Seven in a week
81 Large wastrel
82 Unconscious states
83 Firmly held belief
84 Tired
85 Pub projectiles
88 Plank
89 Brings down the house
90 Goes for groceries
91 Fine and good
93 Drive forward
95 Medicinal amounts
97 Go furtively
99 Comfort
105 Highway
109 Mangy mongrels
109 List shortener
110 Catch sight of
112 Teeter-totters
113 Pollarcy
114 Bullet size
115 Displayed, showed off
117 Water carriers
129 Wading bird
135 "Much — About Nothing"
124 Wheel out
128 Bugged drink
127 Floor covering
132 Talk
133 Linen yelps
134 Tibetan monk
136 Perceived
138 War weapon
137 Ireland, to the Irish
138 High-speed chase
140 Exclamation
142 City in India
143 Monuments
144 Nicholas and Fish
148 Caesar was one
149 Donnybrook (Hyph)
148 Contestant, regarding

150 Church council
151 Canal utensil
152 Skillful
153 English assignment
155 Swelled head
157 Puzzling riddle
158 Swindle
160 Widely scattered
163 Washington bills
164 Disagreement
165 When to retire
168 Daze
170 Black Widow, for one
172 The Jetsons' dog
173 — Arabia
175 Warm up leftovers
178 Follow the rules
180 Prayer ender
183 Uncommon
184 Liver fluid
186 Anguish
186 Newspaper notice, for short
184 Rudely disturbed
186 Take it easy
186 Seed coating
188 Portal
200 It's a long story
201 Occurrence
203 Beer mugs
206 "The Way We —"
207 Parade droppings
208 Summer squash
210 Word of division
211 Fast moving
212 Curved fruit
214 Gave up territory
216 Land measures
218 They come from the heart
219 Mexican treats
220 Fuel
221 Herbal drink
223 Tooth-shading
224 Writer Lawrence
226 "— American in Paris"
228 Dissertation
238 Jacket features
230 Japanese money
234 WWII combat, — Day
236 Leaves out
240 Borders edges
244 Sinkers

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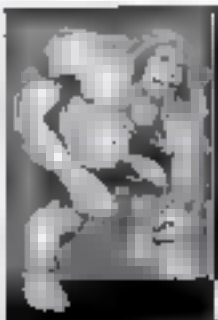

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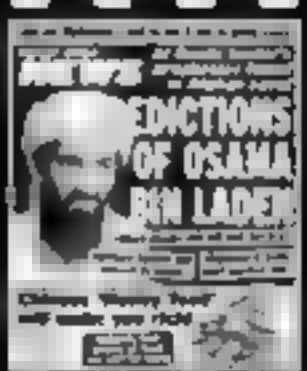

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17 Pencil toppers
23 Musical drums
24 Continuing tales
25 Contributes
27 Dodge the law
28 Hang around
29 Conditional release
30 Most unkempt
31 Alaskan sea
33 Swiss or Cheddar
35 Harsh
36 Retailers
37 Laments
38 Grow mellow
41 Brother's daughter
43 Writer's table
46 Actor Griffith
48 Authority
47 Bylined
50 Fixed looks
53 TV broadcast
54 Sleep noisily
58 Always
58 Actress Garr
59 Tool sets
60 Look into
61 Beach material
64 Adversary
68 Twin stallion
68 Dubious in character
71 Dam weight
73 "— upon a time..."
74 Striped cat
76 Piece of bread
77 Bargain
78 Army groups
79 Starburst
80 First appearance
81 Goes with basket
84 Angler's need
85 Deeply regret
88 Specialty
88 Actress Reese
89 "— go straight"
90 Individual
91 Angel's stand
92 Ukrainian seaport
94 Borscht veggie
95 Asian plum
98 Rhine mates
99 Deities
100 Horses
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114 Actress West
116 Coral structure
118 Choose
120 Rough-voiced
121 Soft drink
122 Done easily
124 Shooting marbles
126 Stylish
127 In a chair
129 Speak formally
130 Produce leader
131 Bitterly
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145 Jingle natives
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148 Native metals
149 The U.S. has fifty
150 Desk (5)
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158 Curnacean Bill, to friends
159 Flies like an eagle
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182 Backboard
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184 Urge on
190 Poker stakes
191 Blinder
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195 Word of greeting
196 Songstress Abdul
197 Supposed
198 Palo
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253 College trustee
254 Woodlands
255 Parodied
256 Without company
257 Having notches
258 Salesmanships
259 Male cow
260 Camera stands

DOWN

1 Most overdressed
2 Fer each one
3 Wager
4 Greek god
5 Feat's mark
6 Most treasured
7 Stepped the cuffs on
8 Grande or Brava
9 Sophomore
10 Jacket arm
11 Capital of Burkina
12 Burden of proof
13 Armed conflict
14 Time without end
15 Devils
16 Ms. McEntire
18 Step cousins
19 Big — California
20 Newspaper chief
21 Reestablished
22 Word quickly
26 Penguin
32 Heroin necklace
34 Golly!
37 Pretraad
39 Imperils
40 Three-sided figures
42 Baby raptor
44 Pitchers
45 Actress Black
47 Out of the way
49 Harbors
50 Wicked
51 Gloves
52 Motors
53 Glide on ice
55 Sequence
56 Tidy
57 Marathon man
60 Tin
62 Architectural curve
64 Adds up
65 Ambulance toppers
70 Move by truck
71 Heals
72 Lubricated
73 Chew the fat
75 Ancient writings
78 Inaugural
82 Plant seeds
83 Foe
86 Idiots
87 Strange
90 Jeopardy
93 Autumn bloomer
96 Growth stage
97 Tidy opening
101 Hamilton bills
102 Contents
103 Revelation
105 Acrobat's plank
106 Triple Crown champ (2 wds)
107 Spoke to again
109 Close by
110 Decorative bottles
112 Fraudulent scheme
113 Actress Sperling
114 Give incentive
115 Nautical direction
117 In good shape
119 Chirp
120 Area measure
121 Automobile
123 Smallest amount
125 Lucky number
126 Ancient profs
128 Decrees
136 Margarine
137 Paul Newman flick
139 Rotation point
141 Eye part
143 College cheer
144 Nothing
146 Japanese dish
148 Scatter about
152 Midday
153 North Dakota city
155 Nonsense
156 Pranks
160 Blanks
161 Abraham's wife
164 Dogma
165 River in India
166 Thanks
168 Long stories
169 Australian critter
170 Group of eight
171 Acquires
172 Noah's boat
174 Gorilla
175 Coconut trees
177 Highway
178 City in Michigan
179 Basket
181 African desert
182 Split, divided
183 Omen
184 Singer Clapton
186 Applauds
187 Empty inside
189 Painter Salvador
192 Ann Jarvi
194 Breaks suddenly
197 African excursion
198 Communion table
199 Crunch
200 Mom's sisters
207 Zones
208 Whip
204 Impassive
206 Engraves
209 Comfort, console
211 Safety device (Hyph)
214 Surrender
215 Oliver Stone film
218 Goldbrick
220 Cooled
229 Long haired dog
224 Works hard
229 Takes it all off
231 Gambling haunts
230 Existed
231 Individual
233 Muted
235 Singer Orbison
237 Actress Rowlands
238 Take a breather
239 Bird bed
240 Square or sheep shank
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Sonya's Weekly Message: Just about every envelope I opened this week had a get-well message and prayer for Serena in it. So I'll say it again. Thank you, muchos muchos muchos, all you readers, for everything you're trying to do to help your friend and big sis.

This week I received a lot of health and love questions. It seems my faithful readers have two things on their minds: cold cash and romance! If there wasn't room for me to print your letter in this issue, just sit back, relax, close your eyes, take a deep breath and I guarantee you'll feel all the healing energies and lucky love vibes I'm sending you.

Can you cast a spell to cure my drunk daughter?

Dear Sonya: Could you please cast a spell to change my daughter who drinks too much, and one for my daughter-in-law who has something against me, even though I've never done anything to her? — Need Protection in S.C.

Dear Need: You wouldn't want anyone casting a spell to change you, would you, sweetie? What your daughter really needs right now are the prayers and gentle healing energies that that's just what she'll be getting from me. She'll change only when she's had enough suffering. The good news is that a quick trip to Serena's crystal ball tells me this could happen soon.

You get bad vibes from your daughter-in-law because you two are totally different, which means there's no psychic cloak. If you keep your distance, and send her loving thoughts, just like a hugger, she'll soon warm up to you.

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Dear Sonya: I never thought ladies could have thinning hair, but recently I found a bald spot the size of a half dollar on top of my head. Now, every day my hairbrush is full of clumps of hair. I'm only 35 years old, and I'm worried sick. Can you help me? — Bald Spot in Boston

Dear Bald: Don't worry, you're not alone. Many women have your exact same problem, but there is a nice bit of coloring it with! If you really want to stop the hair loss, you'll have to perform a cleansing ritual for your body and mind. I'm sending you a small spiritual kit to help to do it right. I want to get your hair healthy and proud my again.

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Dear Sonya: Do you think I've got a special gift or is it just that I notice everything and have an eye for the dots? Ever since I was little I've been dreaming about things that happened later. For example, I'll see someone at school I've got a crush on, but didn't think he noticed me. Then one night I dreamed he liked me, and the next day somebody told this guy I think I'm kinda cute. — Tuned in Sacramento

Dear Tuned: Thanks very much for the awesome prayer bookmark, which I've put to Serena's bed. She appreciates it. My Spirit Guides tell me that having intuition right isn't enough if you don't develop it. You must learn to control it, or it will control you. Start by keeping a dream journal. Write down everything you remember about your dreams as soon as you wake up. Then, every night before you go to bed, write down what you want to dream about. Be very, very specific. Also, try to picture a million dollars in your mind's eye 20 times daily, seven days per week. Don't tell anyone what you're doing, because that would weaken the spell. If you do everything right, our combined powers should make your dreams come true. Good luck and God bless!

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Dear Sonya: I've recently been playing the Cartoon lottery and New York Pick 3 game, but got zip in return. I guess they just twisted my arm(s), and you don't have to tell me I've been dumb. I desperately need some extra money, and am wondering if you and your mystical sidekicks can help. My prayers are with both you and Serena. — Feeling Ripped Off in N.Y.

Dear Feeling: The sacred Laws of Prosperity say you have to work right in order to get right. In other words, you do in everything. I'll do the first part of a magic money spell, but it will only work if you do the rest. Here's your part of the job: In every New Moon from now on, take a bright shiny coin and say that you'll share it with Mother Earth. Do it outside and in the universal time write "Paid In Full." Help this to be very, very safe place. Also, try to picture a million dollars in your mind's eye 20 times daily, seven days per week. Don't tell anyone what you're doing, because that would weaken the spell. If you do everything right, our combined powers should make your dreams come true. Good luck and God bless!

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PERSONALITO:

Disappointing Hubby in Laredo: You did right to dump that dork. You won't be humiliated out by long-distance. I've mixed a magic potion to make sure you meet Mr. Right.

Peggy in Peoria: There's a miracle cure for watermelon puffiness. Put an ice bag over each eye for 20 seconds, then repeat a few times.

Rock Bottom in Weber: I got a clairvoyant message from the Mime of Ayt who says you haven't lost your drawing and painting talents. You'll get them back when the grief of your daddy's passing is gone.

Sleepy in Puddin' in St. Louis: Serena thanks you for your healing words. Your man won't be back, but you'll soon meet a new lover who wants total commitment. This time around, don't try to change or mother him!

THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO

Weekly World News has published numerous articles in the world's most crooked newspaper — and we use it to pick the six luckiest lottery numbers every week!

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Using all available data, from your guess, we've come up with the six luckiest lotto numbers for the week.

Here they are:

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Help me find someone to share my golden years!

Dear Sonya: After reading about your sister's accident I decided to write to say I hope she'll get better soon. I'm almost 56, very lonely, and don't have any children. I would like a home of my own and a little extra income so I can relax and enjoy my golden years. Also, do you think there's a soul mate for me and, if so, will I ever meet this person? — Longing for a Better Life in the Bahamas

Dear Longing: You don't have to be lonely any more if you don't want to be! My intuition tells me you stay home too much, dear lady. You don't have to be a parent to be around rug rats! Try to spend more time with nephews and nieces or little friends with the neighborhood kids. I see in the crystal ball that you'll get all the enjoyment you need through mentoring youngsters in community activities and doing nice things for people. That way, you could even meet a mellow widowed gentleman who wants to remarry.

I'm casting a spell to help you get all the money you need, so you'll be able to put something down on that cozy retirement place in 2002. I guarantee you'll attract luck and windfalls in January, May and September 2002!

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Dear Sonya: I need some help for my son, born 6/12/75. He got laid off from work last summer. He was actually relieved because he'd been unhappy with an abusive boss. He hasn't even tried to find another job. Instead, he got himself involved in a get-rich-quick scheme, which he said $1,000 into. The only ones making money are the people who started this scam. Please cast a spell of success up his behalf, because he's so depressed. — Pained in N.J.

Dear Pained: Since your son likes numbers, I did some calculations, and these should help you understand where he should go from here. His Personal Numerology chart for him be overly confident and brushing so it's easy for him to attract trouble.

Based on the numbers in his birthday, his Life Path is 9/1, so he's basically ambitious, very hard working, dependable and best suited for a steady job. The numerology in his name brings a 9 to Career Path, so he'll be happiest doing something that helps others. He could make megabucks as real estate or the restaurant business.

I'm sending him my prayers and a super positive prosperity spell. I know he's learned his lesson and will soon get back on track. Tell him to keep on smiling, and wish him the best of luck from me!

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Dear Sonya: I think you should show more respect for your elders. Ever since you took over her column, you have been making little cheap shots at her expense, and I, for one, do not appreciate it. Your career started for 20 years the Weekly World News and she has helped so many people over the years. I can't wait until Serena comes back and you are out of work again. Disgusted Reader in Alberta, Canada

Dear Disgusted: You need to take a chill pill, babe my sister — I did some fun from real sparks since her own magic powers weren't enough to do the job. I'm grateful for the opportunity to write her column while she recuperates from her accident. After she is fully recovered, the editors will decide which one of us is best qualified to write that column on a more spectacular basis to please fans [illegible] like Serena, or a young and sexy pop star like my

STOCKING STUFFERS!

[illegible] a little something for all the big guys who've been nice this year but not that special naughty but maybe up naked on the wall with Santa. Baby, a Stocking and stocked with [illegible]. Santa's looking for a guy who can appreciate good taste [illegible] — we think we know where to start!

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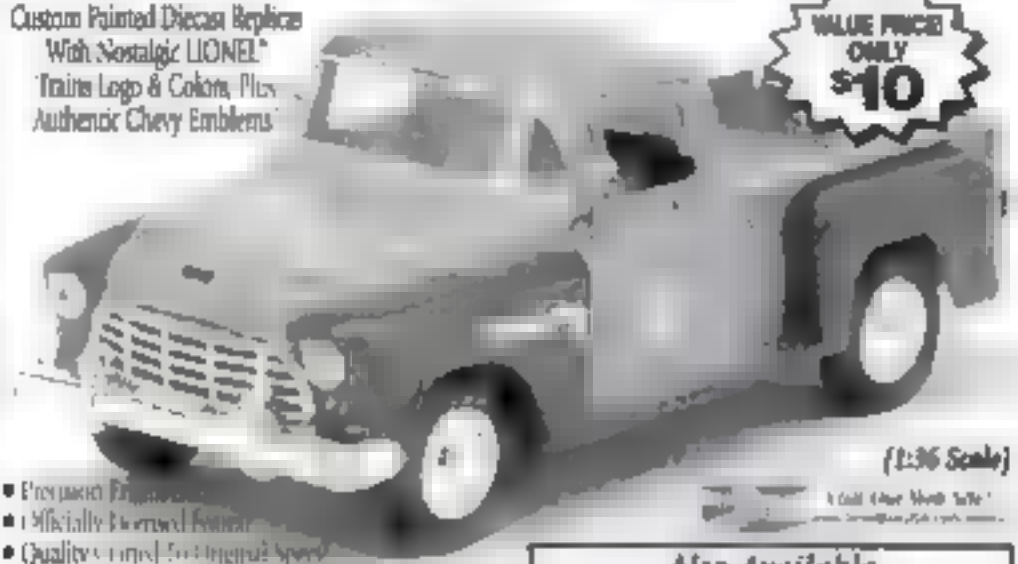

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NEW LAW LETS ITALIAN MEN SPANK WOMEN

ROME — That old saying, "The law is an ass," has taken on new meaning in Italy — where bone-headed judges have ruled that men have the right to slap the bottoms of attractive female co-workers!

According to the spanking new ruling handed down by the nation's highest court of appeal, putting a woman's bum's does not constitute sexual molestation if it's a one-time gesture carried out at the spur of the moment.

The bizarre sexist decision ends an eight year legal battle sparked in 1994 when lust-happy manager Ettalo Michell whacked a female office worker a lusk, and she took offense.

Sacred cows to get their own security force!

NEW DELHI — Holy cow! The Indian government is weighing the creation of an elite, Delta Force-like fighting force — not to battle terrorists or militants from rival factions, but to protect the nation's sacred sacred cows!

Leaders are urging that the action be taken, following reports that many of the nearly 300 million cows have been mistreated — and that some have even been kidnapped for food by starving peasants.

"We have asked that a Sacred Cow Protection Force on the lines of other paramilitary forces be instituted, which will operate as an all-India force for prevention of cow slaughter," Chairman Atal Lodhi, chairman of the National Commission on Cattle, told a reporter.

Pope urges faithful to make babies!

VATICAN CITY — The orders Italian Catholics receive from the Pope tend to be a drag — don't do this, don't do that. But the latest directive handed down by the Pontiff will be a pleasure to carry out — he's telling folks to start making love like crazy!

Concerned about the country's declining birth rate, Pope John Paul II is urging Italians to have more children — bread, bread, bread.

The revered religious leader stunned the audience in a historic speech before the Italian parliament

TIGHT SQUEEZE

Rent one get pretty high in L.A., as Andrew Hsu gets into the most literal on this newspaper vending machine, he figured he'd try to squeeze in!

It's a short wordle at the most. Escape as the man tightly his whole body inside the box. There's plenty of leg room in there, and it keeps you dry on rainy days.

The box sleeps one comfortably. But is there room for the same entertainment system?

Where's Osama? Find him & win $10!

The U.S. Army is looking for him. The FBI is looking for him. The CIA is looking for him. Even Tony's looking for him.

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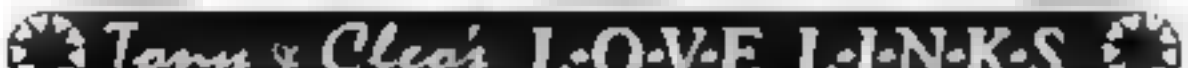

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WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — You might want to think twice before gulping down a big glass of airplane tap water. An investigation [illegible] by a curious 13-year-old [illegible] has revealed that in some cases, the stuff is packed with stomach-turning and potentially deadly pollutants!

[illegible] and other bacteria and even insect eggs were among the disgusting and dangerous contaminants found in a sample of airplane water by brainy Zach [illegible] of Las Lomas High School, in Walnut Creek, Calif.

The alarming findings were confirmed in a follow-up study by the Wall Street Journal.

"It's pretty gross," Zach said of his [illegible] results.

SATAN WORSHIP KILLS WOMAN

...for making fun of TV's *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*!

By MIKE FORSYTH

Weekly World News

SWANSEA, Wales — A devout devil-worshiper snapped and throttled a young mom to death — because she bad-mouthed his favorite character on *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*!

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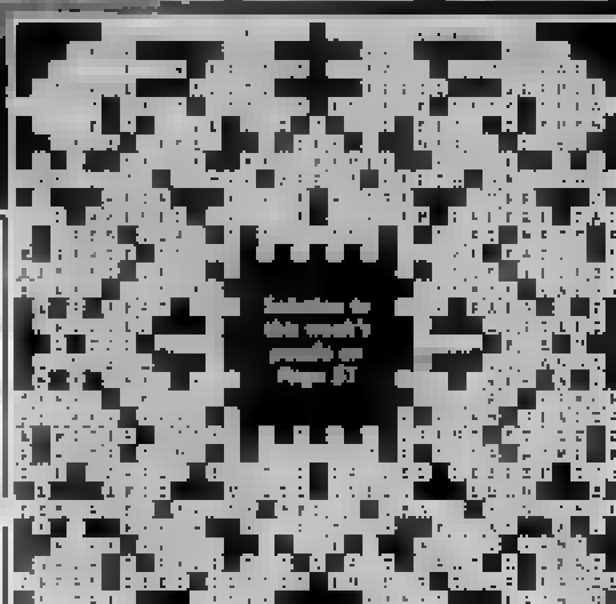

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TATTLE-TALE PARROTS TEAR APART QUIET TOWN

...By squawking gossip to anyone who'll listen!

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif. — Citizens of this once-quiet burg have all but declared war on each other — thanks to eavesdropping wild parrots that spread every bit of malicious gossip they overhear!

Authorities say that in mid-August, the birds mysteriously began repeating human conversations all over town — no matter how forbidden or juicy the topic.

And since then, South Pasadena's record flocks of wild cockatoos, love birds, cockatiels and macaws have been dishing the dirt on unfaithful lovers, drunk drivers, wife beaters and cross-dressing dads — with disastrous results.

It's the worst thing since that Watergate break-in and a local law enforcement affair.

Those blabbermouth birds are creating havoc in our town," complained Assistant Police Chief Dennis Fidler. "The wife [illegible] can't be sure if [illegible] is having an affair. [illegible] a parrot on the front porch squawk, 'I love you, honey,' while [illegible] is walking with [illegible].

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DEAD OR ALIVE?

THESE once-ubiquitous stars used to be as familiar to us as members of our own families. But we haven't seen much of them lately. Can you tell who's still living and who's dead? (Answers at bottom.)

This week: The Dick Van Dyke Show

The comic saga of TV writer Rob Petrie, his beautiful wife Laura and his wacky cherubic pals almost got the cold shoulder in its first season — but it survived and became one of the greatest TV shows of all time. The ground-breaking 1961-66 series starred Emmy-winning actors MOREY AMSTERDAM (Buddy Sorrell), RICHARD DEACON (Mel Cooley), DICK VAN DYKE (Rob Petrie), ROSE MARIE (Sally Rogers) and MARY TYLER MOORE (Laura Petrie).

MYSTERY PHOTOS

Below are close-up photos of objects. Can you tell what they are?
(Answers at bottom)

WHAT IS IT?
1) Dartboard
2) Bowling ball
3) Pool table
4) Ice skates

Morey Amsterdam died in 1996. At age 87, Richard Deacon died in 1984 at age 63. Dick Van Dyke, 70, is on hiatus after cancellation of his longtime CBS drama. Chimney Sweep. Rose Marie, 75, single but engaged to actor Ted Knight before he died from liver cancer in 1986. Mary Tyler Moore, 65, is also battling cancer. Fly Away Tyler Moore, 19, is single and fancy free.

Your tarot fortune from Page 59 — REVEALED!

Card No. 3: 6 of Pentacles
STARTING OVER

Love: Look into your heart to decide if your relationship problems really are worth fixing. Just be sure they cannot be solved before you take any drastic steps to end things.

Money: Ignore the confusing financial advice that's swirling around you, and consult an unbiased expert. Don't give in to pressure to do anything.

Health: You may find yourself experiencing a setback in your fitness regime in the next few

Card No. 3: 7 of Cups
PERCEPTION

Love: Don't be too quick to deny the happy emotions you think you're feeling. A public encounter can result in great happiness and lasting understanding. Your true is your own self and you will find happiness.

Money: You must decide whether you want the best of everything or the best of what you can afford. True friends will be interested with you, not with what you own.

Health: Symptoms of ill health should not be ignored — your body is trying to tell you something. See your

Card No. 1: 10 of Wands
HARMONY

Love: You are headed into a powerful period in your love life. Serious couples will find disagreements over petty matters. While singles are in for some blissful encounters.

Money: Some unexpected expenses may pop up in the near future, but you can prepare for them now by cutting back on spending. If all goes well, you can have a little splurge.

Health: You're in a period of excellent health in which will be with the appropriate exercise. Just continue on

Card No. 2: 3 of Cups
RESTRAINT

Love: You'll soon find that you're on top of the world, as happiness floods your relationships. But don't give your heart to just anyone, or you'll be headed for a fall.

Money: If you find you must borrow money for a legitimate emergency, use caution. Read the fine print and make sure you're not getting in too deep.

Health: Use moderation in all things. Have your work hours in your normal bounds. Even the excess of

Card No. 4: 3 of Pentacles
AWARENESS

Love: Nagging doubts and uncertainties should not be allowed to fester. They'll only get more upsetting if they're ignored. Don't assume you know what's going on until you ask.

Money: Confusion can be cleared up with the help of a trained expert, but you also need to take an active role. Review your financial statements in a good light.

Health: Start to take control of your health by educating yourself and asking your doctor to explain what

You can also have Serena's Magic Tarot Cards, too! Just turn to Page 59 and pick a

PORTRAIT OF COURAGE

If this boy eats anything — HE'LL DIE, say doctors!

LITTLE William Tweedy has never had a solid meal. Since he was 8 months old, he's taken only liquid meals, which are pumped to his heart through a tube.

LONDON — Most of us have to eat to stay alive. But little William Tweedy can stay alive only if he doesn't eat.

A single bite makes him seriously ill — and a whole meal could kill him.

The 6-year-old boy has a bizarre medical condition that doctors can't even name. All they know is, he can be killed by bacteria [illegible]

[illegible]

Bizarre medical condition makes it impossible for him to digest food!

[illegible]

"I think I'm special, but not that special," he [illegible]

[illegible]

"It would be the happiest day of my life," he says. [illegible]

"But most of all," he adds with a big grin, "I'd like to have dinner with the England football team."

— By KATE McCLARE

Crematorium provides heating for homes

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The latest, most Earth-friendly trend will likely knock you dead.

In a move to conserve energy, a Stockholm crematorium is planning to pump excess heat from the furnace into the city's central heating system.

[illegible]

HOTCAKES NO LONGER SELLING WELL

WASHINGTON — The expression "selling like hotcakes" has been used for decades to express something that is a [illegible]

[illegible]

'MOLE PEOPLE' FOUND 20 MILES UNDERGROUND

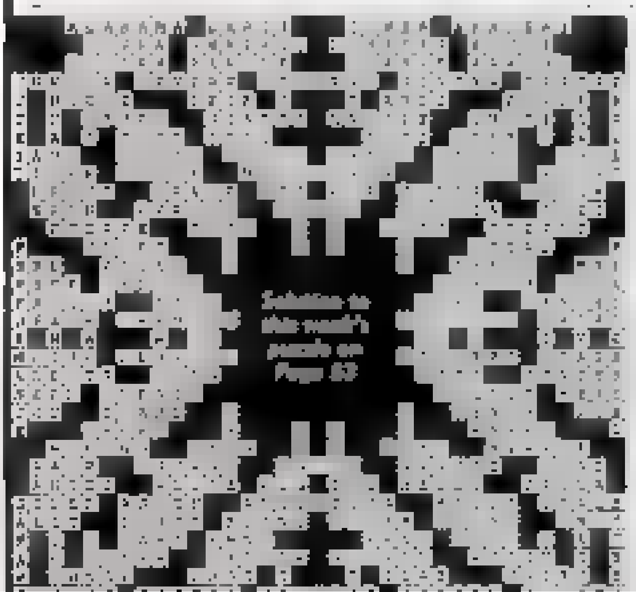
By JUSTIN MITCHELL
Weekly World News

A MOLE Man takes a stroll down a subterranean sidewalk, captured by NASA's photographer

WASHINGTON — *Weekly World News* has uncovered the shocking discovery of a race of underground Mole People living 20 miles beneath the Earth, using secret tunnels to enter the United States!

This discovery was made not by archaeologists, but by NASA scientists tunneling deep inside the Earth — and they're trying to keep the existence of this race covered up.

A NASA insider has leaked exclusive photos and information about these "mole people" under the condition of anonymity. "This story has to be told," says the source. [illegible]



Solution to this week's puzzle on Page 53

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The Mole People [illegible] surface world, [illegible] President [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] suggested that [illegible] are several [illegible] and [illegible] permanent cities scattered beneath the Earth's surface.

The creatures have some strong similarities to humans — but also a few significant differences.

[illegible] they walk on two legs, but they're much taller than the average human [illegible]

[illegible] designed to digest [illegible] by the cases of crude [illegible]

Their skin is super tough. It has to withstand the intense heat and rugged conditions found below the Earth's surface.

There seems to have been some contact and interplay between humans and the subterraneans at some point in history. [illegible] speak a [illegible]

World leaders unsure whether this race of giants are friends or foes!

A LOOK inside one of the cave city's main thoroughfares

People have all kinds of theories about the cave-dwelling Stone Age race of explorer visitors.

"When one member of the expedition is originally sighted the Male People interpreted it as a threat and attacked him.

"They pounced on him like jungle cats, nearly snuffing him out along with his cigarette. He was lucky to escape with his life."

The Male People are reported quite curious about the military world — our clothes, our gadgets and especially our foods. They particularly enjoy our fresh fruit.

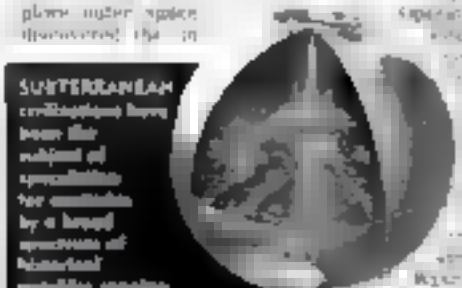
"Brought them some grapes and they acted like it was a feast," the source said.

Obviously they can't grow fruit of their own, living 20 miles beneath the Earth's surface.

NASA's reportedly eager to study the Male People. "We want to find out everything about them — what they eat, how they live and, most importantly, what is their relationship to the human race.

"We're curious if they are related to us in some way. Are they the genetic ancestors of modern man?"

Experts say speculation has been widely varied on the Male People. "They could be anything from Stone Age aliens to ex-



SUBTERRANEAN civilizations have been the subject of speculation for centuries by a broad spectrum of historical societies ranging from Spanish Royal Adult Males to Governor Edmund Muley.

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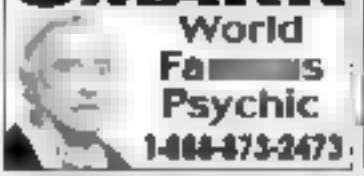

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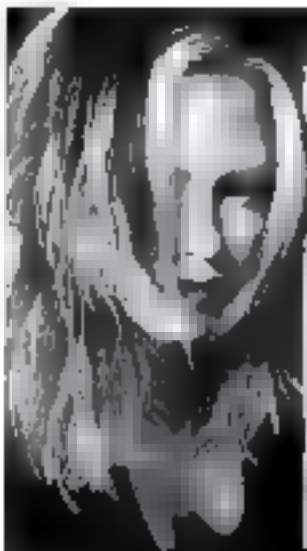
GIANT Horoscope

BY SONYA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous



Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Sonya Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Don't take a backseat when faced with new challenges this week.

A romantic interlude could be in the offing. If you take time to analyze that a special someone is dying to spend some time alone with you.

Stop being too picky for love. Try wearing red or turquoise.

The answer to a problem nearby will may be found in a friend's wisdom.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

Your key to finding a solution may work is to relax and think less.

You are a natural leader, but it might be a good idea for you to let others do the worry-filling and run new things.

Treat carefully! But don't let it long spat keep it at the wrong. Lucky numbers are 5, 10 and 24. You'll be getting on an journey people call. Be very polite and don't let problems distract you.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

An old friend holds the key to a major improvement in your financial situation. Don't turn up your nose too quickly if he or she comes to you with a get-rich plan.

This is a good week for action, so quit daydreaming and step your hat in the ring.

Once impossible goals are within reach if you have the courage to go for them.

It's very important to get in touch with a friend you've been ignoring. Do it now.

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

Bored in the least an good opportunities are in the week. Others may compete for your attention this week. Don't spread yourself too thin, though. You need indulging too.

A chance new career hour when a chance encounter in a public place leads to new opportunities in the employment market.

Your lucky colors are yellow and beige and lucky numbers are 3 and 49.

Go easy with quick promises that you

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

You may have challenges this week to widespread power struggles over the long-term, evaluate your situation really and do what YOU decide is best.

Luck will follow a small investment venture. You will find a bargain item!

Luck will occur if you treat everyone even complete strangers — with your use of courtesy.

Look to the numbers 7 and 31.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Don't be surprised if you find others haggling with you all week.

Pay no attention to people who poke fun at your lifestyle and convictions this week. Don't jump on the first opportunity to double your money. Put pay attention to your Lucky numbers 10, 41 and 28.

You may see an old enemy in a new light. Give the person a chance to make amends. You will be rewarded in a

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

It's natural to be unrealistic and some day or times. You have to learn to live with what you can't change.

Pay attention to the numbers 9 and 16.

A chance meeting with a stranger could put a little fun in your life this week.

A coincidence has real significance! Don't rush into things, but don't shy away from opportunity either.

A shiny hairy from work brings yo

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Don't be swayed by so-called experts if you are called out of town, be calm and will with the situation. It will turn into good fun here despite your initial impression.

An e-mail or phone call late in the week can bring you incredible good news!

Lucky numbers this week are 6 and 20.

A small person — possibly a child will surprise you with a simple solution. Pay close attention to that is the

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

A romantic evening could be the perfect prescription to cure an ailing relationship this week. Love tensions with an intensity dissipate and you might be surprised at the results.

Your intuition may be on the blink and you would be wise to avoid snap judgments. Don't place much stock in intuition.

A surprise letter or unexpected phone call brings good fortune.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Your luck will improve significantly this week. You can afford to be more daring and should take more chances to get ahead.

That stubborn streak could lead to trouble. Compromise to avoid battles. A creative spark may ignite some changes in your life if you have the courage to follow your instincts.

Your lucky numbers are 4 and 17.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

You handled a sleepy trouble problem with poise, dignity and profound intelligence. Employment and financial woes will ease.

Be alert for signs of betrayal in the one you took to be an ancient. Some people don't know when to quit.

Spread lots of love with loved ones and gain the weekend.

Wearing white or blue will bring luck.

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Concentrate on reaching modest goals this week. Remember the story of the tortoise and the hare.

Romance has not been your cup of tea. But it may be time for you to at least sample the thrills you have only heard or read about.

A short travel is aiming in a sea of despair and you may be called on to do the rescuing. Be gentle but firm!

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SCORPIO	[illegible]
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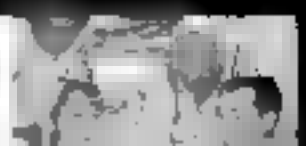


This year planet changes by half of excitement! Don't be afraid to help matters along

changes where investments are concerned.

They opposite sex seems to find you more

THIS hacker calls himself Mr. Nerd

STRANGERS ARE INVADING YOUR HOME COMPUTER

(Continued from Page 7)

■ Conduct corporate espionage. Most companies now be sifting through your company searching for inventions or new products or marketing plans.

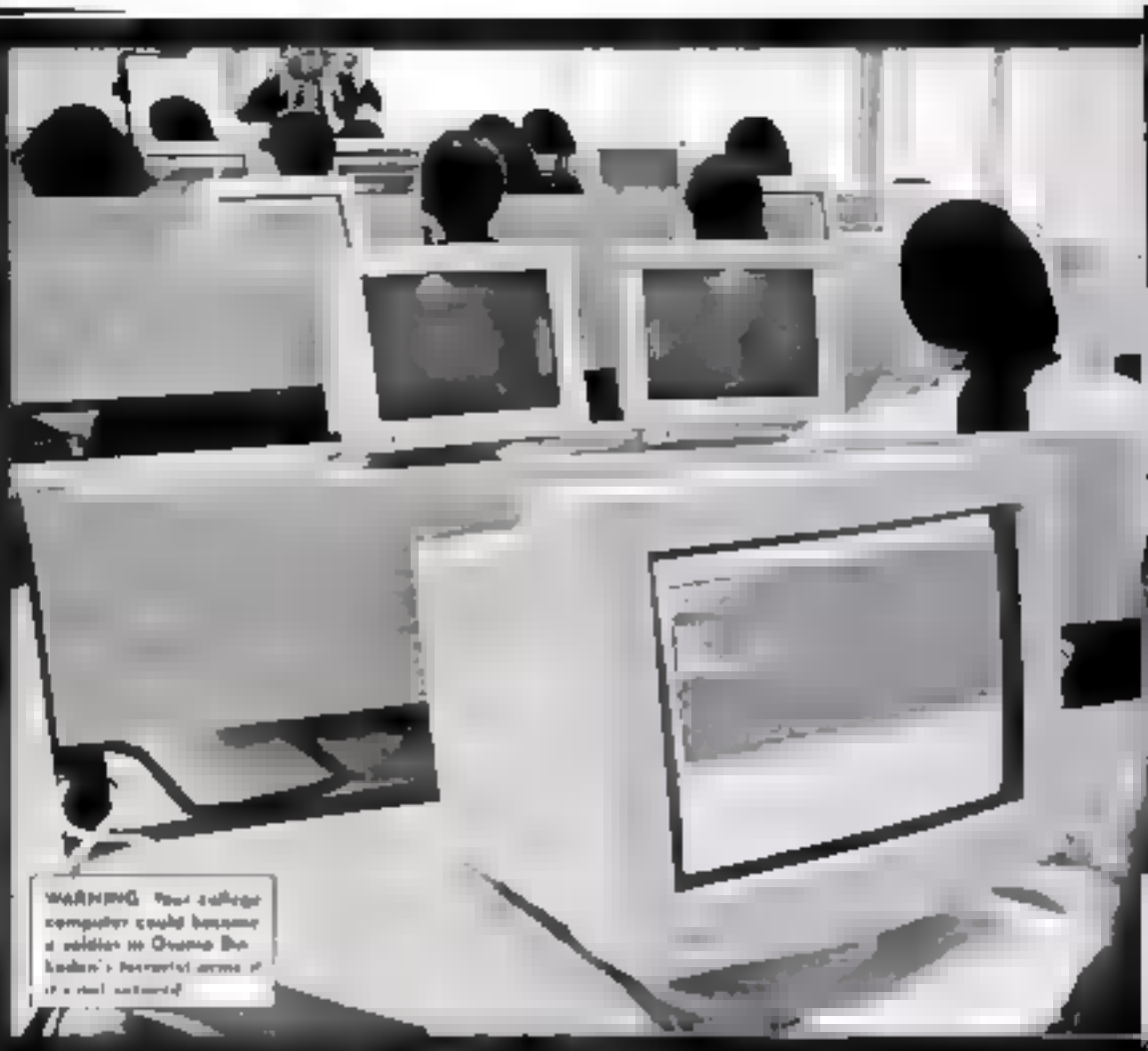
■ Steal financial information and use it to rob you blind. If you do any online banking or use a check-writing program, you're especially at risk.

■ Identity theft. By pretending your PC, your attacker can unearth a wealth of personal information that will help them impersonate you — and be on the doorstep with your bank manager.

■ Collect information on porn sites you've visited or other chat members and the word is in your mate. This could be a jealous ex who wants your new relationship — and he or she doesn't need much knowledge to do it.

"In the past, a hacker used to be someone with in-depth computer knowledge," says Lee. "Now there are a variety of hacking tools readily available for download on the Internet — almost anyone can do it."

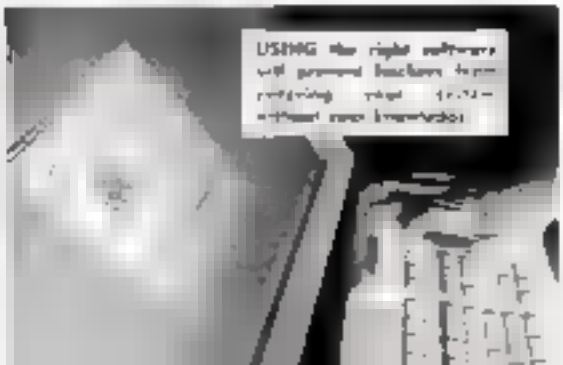
■ Use your computer as a zombie to launch an attack on the Internet. Hackers commandeer hundreds of computers and order them to flood Web sites with millions of simultaneous data requests the system can't handle — to a bad to shut down the Net. When FBI cyber-terrorist investigators



FROM THE EXPERTS:

'Osama proof' your computer!

Here, from experts at Symantec and other computer-security pros, are some safety tips that can shield your system from computer invaders.



— Invest in security software such as the Norton Personal Firewall, designed to block hackers. A firewall safeguards your PC from intruders and prevents your system from sending out private information without your knowledge. It also alerts you to attempted intrusions.

— When shopping online, can tell if a connection is secure by looking for the closed-lock icon," says expert Aaron Lee.

— Change passwords frequently using words characters, combining both letters and numbers.

— Never open e-mail attachments from strangers. "Don't feel obligated to open every attachment you receive," says expert Aaron Lee. Attachments could contain a Trojan Horse that allows a hacker to access your files.

— Install an antivirus program such as the Norton AntiVirus 2003 or McAfee Antivirus.

around their pages and collect a dossier on you. Most cookies are benign and use this information to help you navigate the site. But, like a trail of cookies left by Hansel and Gretel, they can also be used by crooks to track you down. You can order your computer to "disable cookies." There are also programs to control cookies on your system, such as Cookie Crusher.

☐ Make sure your computer is protected against hack attacks by visiting www.Symantec.com/Security Check. There, you can scan your computer for security

Internet use, don't leave your computer logged on for hours on end when you're not on-line — that's like leaving your back door open. When you don't need to be on-line, disconnect.

☐ Consider using a service such as Anonymizer that conceals your IP address.

Otherwise, it's like walking on the street with your phone number and home address on a T-shirt.

☐ Avoid saving highly sensitive information on your computer. If determined hackers can make the security systems on the

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By JUSTIN MITCHELL
Weekly World News

Nearly 50 percent of all bank robberies take place on Friday. The bagpipe was originally made from the whole skin of a dead sheep. A 7-year study, which concluded in the summer of 2000, found that rottweilers caused 33 U.S. deaths, and that pit bulls were responsible for 27 deaths.

That's just a sample of the astonishing trivia that reporters and editors at *Weekly World News* have unearthed while researching all the terrific stories you read in our paper every week. Here's more:

- Pumice is the only rock that floats.
- The original platinum bombshell, Jean Harlow, died at age 27 of a bladder infection. Remarkably, years later her mother died in the same hospital room where her daughter died.
- In high school, aspiring diva Barbra Streisand had a crush on classmate Bobby Fischer, who was already an internationally ranked chess player. He wasn't interested.
- Eleanor Roosevelt ate three chocolate-covered garlic balls every morning. Her doctor suggested this to improve her memory.
- The largest art gallery in the world is the State Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. An art lover would have to walk 15 miles to view all 353 rooms. The museum houses nearly 3 million works of art.
- A Connecticut woman, Cathie Jung, sports the world's tiniest waist, according to the *Guinness Book of World Records*. Her 15-inch middle is kept wafer-thin thanks to her collection of about 100 corsets, including one made of silver.
- Singer Dusty Springfield was a feline fanatic. She owned more than 200 during her lifetime and once kept nine in the same house.
- The late Princess Margaret had a footman who later got a sex change.
- Joan Crawford would not enter her hotel room unless it had a loaf of toasted French bread and seven packs of cigarettes — three opened — waiting for her.

Clowns register the design of their unique faces by having them painted on eggs. In the United Kingdom, the faces are registered with Clowns International in the form of detailed portraits painted on shell eggs. In the U.S. clowns have their faces painted on goose eggs — complete with moustache wax or felt, wire, and glitter — and stored by the International Clown Hall of Fame.

Hollywood icon Elvira, who's real name is Cassandra Peterson, longed to be a dancer after seeing Ann Margret perform in Viva Las Vegas. Since then she has been the lead singer in an Indian rock band, a nightclub entertainer and a player at hit parts until the birth of her character Elvira in 1981 which made her America's favorite vamp.

Of Julie Andrews, his co-star in *The Sound of Music*, Christopher Plummer once remarked: "Working with her is like being hit over the head with a Valentine's Card."

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BEAR FACTS

- The largest bear ever recorded in the wild was a polar bear that weighed 2,300 pounds.
- The grizzly bear has the second lowest reproduction rate of North American mammals. The rank-ed ranks lowest.
- At birth, grizzly cubs are blind, toothless, hairless and about the size of a chipmunk.
- Bears are found on every continent except Australia, Africa and Antarctica.
- A 2-year-old female black bear was the first living creature to survive a parachute jump from a plane flying faster than sound. On March 21, 1962, she was taken aboard a B-58 bomber out of Edwards Air Force Base in California, flown up to 32,000 feet at a supersonic speed of 880 miles per hour, and ejected safely from the bomber in a specially made capsule.

TRIVIA

Don't mess with the Texas horned lizard! This Norse-looking reptile has armor plating, horns and a unique self-defense mechanism. It squirts blood from its eyes when alarmed.

Lucille Ball was phobic about birds and wouldn't buy anything with a print of a bird, nor would she stay in a hotel room with bird pictures or bird wallpaper.

...he also liked to know in advance the exact number of steps from the elevator to her hotel room.

• The world's last meal cannibal was Fijian chief Nau Udreudre Ho in the 19th century consumed between 72 and 900 human beings. According to his son, the reared cannibal would eat every bit of his victims and save the leftovers for later consumption and snacks.

• The world's most valuable typewriter was a gold-plated one customized by James Bond creator Ian Fleming in 1952. It sold for $88,220 at Christie's in London in May 1995.

• The word "amateur" was eliminated from the Olympic Charter in 1971.

• The word "diamond" comes from the Greek word "adamas" which means "unconquerable."

• The opposite of a "vacuum" is a "plenum."

• The "black box" that houses an airplane's voice recorder is orange so it can be more easily detected amid the debris of a plane crash.

• Several of the famed 007 girls — namely Ursula Andress, Shirley Eaton, Eunice Gayson, and Claudine Auger — were unable to match an alluring voice to their sexy physical attributes. Aspiring actress Nikki Van der Zyl, who later left the film industry to become a lawyer, dubbed their lines. On *Doctor No*, Van der Zyl did every female voice except Lois Maxwell, who played Miss Moneypenny, and a Chinese girl. She also dubbed Raquel Welch's cave girl grunting in *One Million Years B.C.*

• In the old school primer *Now We Read*, the name of the cat featured with Dick, Jane, Sally and their dog Spot was Puff.

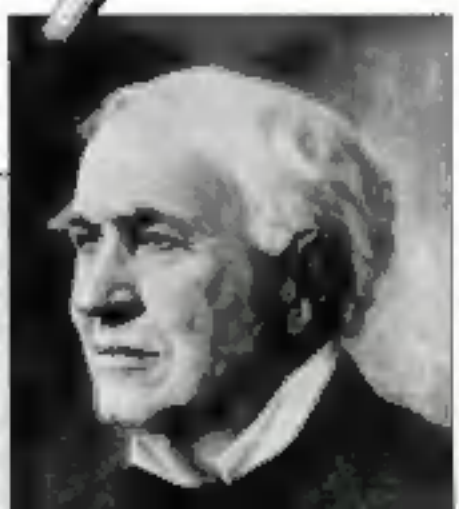
• Flash photos of Elvis Presley's Graceland are not allowed. Over the years, the flashing has caused deterioration of the colors and fabrics in the rooms, as well as the oils in the paintings.

• The Jack in the Box company introduced the world to a series of fast-food "firsts," including being the first chain to open a drive-through restaurant. It offered the first chicken sandwich in the western U.S. and the industry's first

Thomas Alva Edison was one of several geniuses who did poorly in school. (Albert Einstein, Sir Isaac Newton and Louis Pasteur were others.) Edison's mother, a schoolteacher, was so offended by his poor grades that she removed him from school and

More than 2 billion pencils are manufactured in the U.S. annually. If these were laid end to end, they would circle the earth nine times.

Burying an unpainted pencil in the soil of a flower pot will protect a plant from mealy bugs.



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